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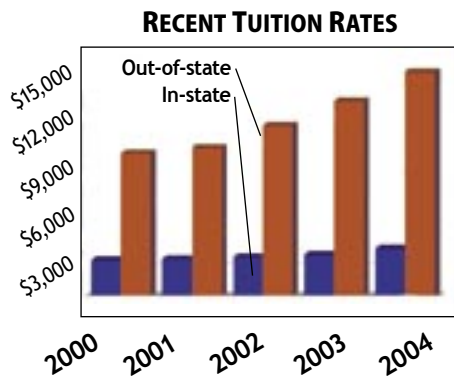
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Students may face midyear tuition hike



By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

An unprecedented midyear increase in tuition might be put into place this year if certain state budget recommendations are approved.

The Board of Regents planned to keep its budget in balance this fiscal year by deferring the payment of some of this year's bills to next year.

Now, however, the possibility has arisen that this will no longer be an option and that Georgia universities will have to pay those bills with the money allocated for this fiscal year.

Georgia's three biggest schools will be hit the hardest if the proposals, which would add up to a budget deficit of \$68 million this year for the Board of Regents, are put into place.

To offset that possible deficit,

Tech administrators would have to consider many options, including cutting faculty and staff numbers, limiting course options, and increasing tuition.

"Discussion about midyear tuition hikes is both speculative and very premature," said Bob Harty, executive director of Institute Communications and Public Affairs.

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Clough marks 10th anniversary

Institute President Wayne Clough took over as Tech's 10th president 10 years ago this week. He began work Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1994. He was officially inaugurated in May 1995.

Clough, who earned an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering in 1964, is the first Tech alumnus to serve as president. Look for continued *Technique* coverage throughout the year of Clough's anniversary and his time as president.

SGA works to shorten Six Flags wait times

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

Tech Night at Six Flags is back again, with changes that organizers hope will address last year's problems, especially the long waits.

New features include a streamlined shuttle process, plans for shorter lines at the park itself, and the presence of Buzz, the Ramblin' Wreck and the marching band.

One particular concern was last year's overcrowding of the Stingers, which resulted in long waits and a huge line outside the Student Center while students waited for buses to shuttle them to the park.

"Last year, that was probably the number one complaint," said Amy Phuong, undergraduate student body president. "Bus lines were ridiculous."

In response, a time ticket system for shuttles to the park has been enacted this year.

According to Vice President of Campus Affairs Tiffany Turner, time tickets for Stingers are good for six different shuttle times today between 4:15 and 7:30 p.m. "After that," she said, "you will not need a time ticket. You do not need a ticket

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By Ethan Trewitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students wait in line at the Student Center Box Office to purchase discounted tickets for tonight's Tech Night at Six Flags. SGA planners hope the event will feature shortened waiting times this year. Also, Buzz, the Ramblin' Wreck and the marching band will make appearances at Six Flags.

Parking expands SmartPark, hikes visitor rates

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

Parking and Transportation has expanded the SmartPark program this year and made various changes to visitor parking, including fee increases and the opening of a new pay lot Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the Old Management Lot.

The SmartPark Program began last year specifically with commuter students and part-time faculty and staff in mind. Best for those who only travel to campus only a few days a week, SmartPark started with only one parking option available at Technology Square (deck number E81). This year the parking option has been made available on both East Campus, at Technology Square, and North Campus, in the North Deck (W23) off Atlantic Drive.

SmartPark allows users to pay a flat fee of \$4.00 to park in either of the two decks.

According to Bob Furniss, Director of Parking and Transportation at Tech, SmartPark was started "to provide a special parking permit for faculty, staff and students who are coming on a part-time basis, commuting once or twice a week, maybe three times a week."

"There was a real need out there," Furniss said. "I heard a lot from commuting students that don't have class everyday, and I heard a lot from faculty that don't teach everyday [that] the \$500 permit was a lot of money. We wanted to come up with an idea that would not tax the whole parking system in general, but that would provide some kind of access for those people at a more reasonable cost."

Instead of paying \$500 for parking for the year, users only pay for the parking that they use, and at about half the price of normal daily

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A driver pays his parking fee as he exits the Student Center visitor lot. Rates at the lot recently increased to 75 cents per half-hour.

Phase II Parking registration opens

Phase II online registration for 2005 parking permits is now open to students until Monday, Sept. 13. The registration is for students signing up late for parking spots, but is also open to freshmen who want to register for parking in lots E70, E81 and E65. For more information, see Parking's website at www.parking.gatech.edu. Registration requires a GTID or Prism ID and a date of birth for login.

Graduate Senate elections near

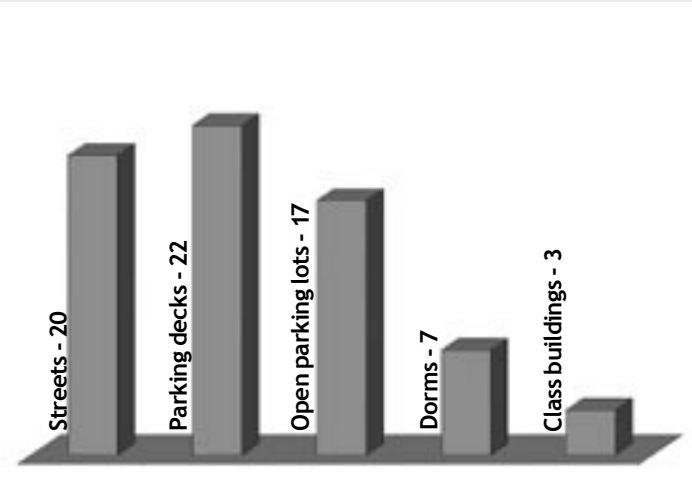
Applications for GSS candidates are currently available in the SGA office. The forms must be completed and returned to the office by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14. Campaigning will then begin Wednesday, Sept. 15 at midnight, and last until the following Friday. Voting begins 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20 and ends at midnight Wednesday, Sept. 22.

State legislature accepting interns

The Georgia state legislature will hire student interns from Tech for Spring Semester 2005. The program is open to Georgia residents who are juniors or seniors. Interns can earn approximately \$206 per week and receive academic credit. For additional information, contact Dr. John Havick at john.havick@pubpolicy.gatech.edu, or by calling (404) 894-6830. Applications must be submitted by Oct. 1, 2004.

Technique Online Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 77 responses.
What campus location has the most crime?



By Art Seavey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

What do you think of midyear tuition hikes?
Tell us at www.nique.net



From the files of the GTPD...

Crime Reports

Theft	
8/20/2004	12:58:00 hrs.
Location: McMillan Street	
Incident: Report of a stolen boot.	
8/20/2004	16:06:00 hrs.
Location: College of Computing	
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.	
8/20/2004	17:05:00 hrs.
Location: Folk Residence Dorm	
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.	
8/23/2004	11:02:00 hrs.
Location: Mason Building Court-yard	
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.	

Theft (continued)	
8/25/2004	21:27:00 hrs.
Location: CCF lot	
Incident: Report that a yellow 2001 Ford Mustang was stolen.	
8/27/2004	10:37:00 hrs.
Location: 686 Cherry Street	
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.	
8/27/2004	11:03:00 hrs.
Location: 686 Cherry Street	
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.	
8/27/2004	12:12:00 hrs.
Location: Boggs Chemistry Building	
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.	
8/29/2004	3:40:00 hrs.
Location: 505 10th Street	
Incident: Report that a white 2000 Chevrolet Silverado was stolen.	

Entering auto	
8/20/2004	16:42:00 hrs.
Location: Creative Fine Arts Parking Lot / Northside Drive	
Incident: Report that a 1997 GMC Jimmy was entered and items were taken.	
8/25/2004	21:39:00 hrs.
Location: Habersham Lot	
Incident: Report that a black 1996 GMC Jimmy was entered and items were taken.	
Traffic accident	
8/20/2004	13:16:00 hrs.
Location: Sidewalk from student Center	
Incident: Report of a one-car accident (no injuries reported).	
8/23/2004	17:42:00 hrs.
Location: Peters Parking Deck	
Incident: Report of a two vehicle accident (no injuries reported).	

Corrections

- In the Aug. 27 Focus article entitled "Junior's struggles to match competition," the article incorrectly stated that Junior's Grill averages 200 to 250 customers during the day and another 100 in the evening. Those numbers reflected the drop in customers per day, not the total number.

The *Technique* welcomes your comments and suggestions, as well as information about errors that call for correction. Messages may be emailed to nique@gatech.edu. Letters to the editor may be directed to the same address, or to opinions@technique.gatech.edu.

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UHR allocates \$2,875 to fund SGA office sign

By Arcadiy Kantor
Staff Writer

After prolonged debate Tuesday night, the Undergraduate House of Representatives passed a controversial bill to fund a new sign to be placed outside of the SGA office. The expected cost of the sign is \$2,875.

Undergraduate Student Body President Amy Phuong presented the bill, arguing that a sign was necessary to give the SGA a professional image and the visibility it requires to properly operate. She cited comments from several students who had difficulty finding the new office over the past few weeks.

The bill was debated heavily among the representatives. "Isn't this a bit redundant if we've got

our name on the doors there?" one representative asked.

Phuong said the letters on the door were not sufficient for helping students find the office since they were not visible whenever the door was propped open.

Despite Phuong's assurance that "it's not our intention to write a bill for a lot of money," the nearly \$3,000 cost of the sign was met with a great deal of concern from several representatives.

"We're going to be very frugal with others that come before us... we need to set a good leadership example," said Public Policy representative Alex Suarez.

The SGA can only get the sign made by the same company that

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Grads approve cricket tournament broadcast

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate voted unanimously Tuesday to allocate \$600 from the Prior Year account for GTCN to pay for a license to broadcast an international cricket tournament.

The 2004 ICC Knockout Champions Trophy Cricket Broadcast is to be aired on GTCN Sept. 10 - 25.

The Georgia Tech India Club asked for the allocation of \$600 to cover broadcast licence fees on behalf of itself and several other organizations, including the Pakistani Student Association, Georgia Tech Cricket Club, Muslim Student Association, Hindu Students Council, Bangladeshi Students Association and Caribbean Students Association.

tion.

"This is a bill not only for members of these organizations, but to benefit the campus as a whole," said the India Club's organization representative.

One senator wondered why the organizations couldn't just draw the needed money from among themselves.

However, Pelham Norville noted that such a small expenditure for something wanted across the Tech community would be worthwhile.

"A similar event we funded in the past was extremely successful," he said, referring to the previous on-campus World Cup broadcast.

The senate also elected its new Coordinating Officer, Priyanka Rohatgi, and appointed two new senators.



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Special guest Jon Hart, CRC program coordinator, addresses UHR at its Tuesday night meeting. Later, Representatives voted to pass a bill allocating nearly \$3,000 for a new sign for the SGA office.

Bills considered by both houses of the Student Government Association

Undergraduate House of Representatives

Title	Author	Status
Joint allocation to Student Government Association	Amy Phuong	Passed
Ammendment to the bylaws of UHR	Amy Phuong	Passed
Joint allocation to India Club	Stephanie Bent	Passed
Appointments of council representatives	Amy Phuong	Passed

Graduate Student Senate

Appointment of Graduate Student Senator	Kasi David	Passed
Joint allocation to India Club	Anshul Dubey	Passed

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OIT limits weekly student printing to 50 pages



Nicole Sullivan retrieves a document printed at the Library West Commons. Students are limited this year to 50 pages printed a week.

By Emily Tate
Contributing Writer

At the beginning of this semester, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) limited the number of pages that students can print on school printers to 50 pages per week. The previous limit was 800 pages per semester. To many, this may not seem like an issue to fret over, but to those without access to printers in the convenience of their own living space, this limit could present a problem. Homework, labs, reading, notes and other class resources are found on various websites. In many cases, this is the only way to access the information necessary for these classes. “It gets really inconvenient to have to go online for everything...if your computer has a problem, you really can’t do anything [because it’s all online],” first-year Architecture major Holly Shannon said. It is common practice for professors to post their notes on the class websites.

However, in the end, professors’ heavy use of online notes requires students to do more printing than they have in the past. With the growing familiarity of cases like this, many students find themselves asking why OIT has decided to change the amount of paper that students are allowed

come close, but now I’m coming pretty close [to the limit],” she said. With about 16 weeks in a semester, 800 pages per semester works out to about 50 pages per week. With the limit now based on weeks rather than semesters, however, students cannot use school printers to print more than 50 pages per week, no matter their total semester total. Such cases have come up where students may print very few pages one week due to an abnormally light work load, and then the next week might have an abnormally large amount of work that requires more than the allotted print limit allows. The OIT staff has heard complaints from the student body citing the technology fees that students pay every year. Staffers said, however, that the Technology Fee does not go to paper and toner. The fee pays for in terms of printing is the printers used and the maintenance that comes to about \$500 per session. To many on the media staff, such

“Eight hundred pages per semester certainly sounds better than 50 per week”

Kimberly Williamson
3rd-year ISyE

to use for printing each week. “Eight hundred [pages] per semester certainly sounds better than 50 per week,” said Kimberly Williamson, third-year Industrial Engineering major. “I was printing stuff every day last semester and I didn’t even

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for the ride home,” she added. Phuong said the shuttle runs can carry 400 students per shift. However, Turner stressed that students should look into carpooling if possible, as not all of the expected 5,000 to 6,000 attendees will fit on the shuttles. Phuong said the buses will run as late as needed to get everyone home, but she recommended that people

consider leaving the park as soon as possible in order to avoid long waits for a ride home. She said she anticipates most students seeking shuttles home beginning at 11 p.m., an hour before the event’s end. Time ticket handouts were based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students were able to pick them up at the SGA office Wednesday, Thursday and today. Another major issue Phuong and

Turner hope will be resolved was the amount of waiting encountered at the park last year. “Six Flags didn’t realize how college students are,” Phuong said. Typically, only a fraction of the park’s daily attendance must be considered for ride capacity; seeing attendance of only 7,000 at a time left park staff assuming that most rides could operate well below full capacity. However, with college students

focusing on the big rides and able to move from one to the next quickly, lines grew beyond expected proportions. “They didn’t really anticipate all that,” Phuong said. The problem should be resolved this year, according to Phuong and Turner. This year, Six Flags was willing to work with student planners to create a more student-friendly environment. “The park’s main attractions

(roller coasters) will be working at full capacity all night,” Turner said. “So if a roller coaster has three cars, then all three will be in operation.” Also featured this year is a flare of school spirit. “The whole idea of Georgia Tech Night at Six Flags is really to make it a Georgia Tech night,” Phuong said. As such, students should expect sightings of the Wreck and Buzz at the park. The marching band will also be playing.

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What the hell is wrong with my ice cream sandwiches?
Something about nique.com.
Everyone knows a well maintained lawn looks great. But just as in any suburban neighborhood, leaving grass clippings and leaves blown all over the street looks even worse than an overgrown lawn. So correction from grass clipping vent-- would we rather have nice lawns while paying the price of walking through piles of grass clippings on the sidewalks...
what a pathetic poll question....can't you guys think of something better?
what's up, how's it goin
A long umbrella after a rainstorm is a fashion statement.
A long umbrella after a rainstorm is a fashion statement.
The red, irritation of “jogger’s nipples,” as well as strain and stress of tissues leading to “sagging” breasts, can be corrected by wearing a good, supportive bra. -from InnerBody.com
SMIG SMIG SMIG, its the only way it goes.
Whatever JMIVSUMTG means at the end of the day, one thing still holds true, SMIG For life.
Just because SMIG is, doesn't he has to hide it!
The first form of life was a very disturbing creature, having both a cannibalistic and Oedipustical approach to life. Survive off someone else!
When someone throws things at you from a 3rd story window at 12:30am, and you want to go up and talk shit... make sure you get the right room.
I just photocopied something like a thousand pages of paper. The trees are going to kill me.
If you don't want kids to sniff markers, make them smell like ass, not grapes.
Thank you, Karl!
daniel is so hot
Jell shots in front of the GT pub, 3pm today! CNBSeeeeeen =) Brought to you by Students for irresponsible Consumption (GT-SiC)
Do you know where your daughter is? I do :)
I'm Bill Clinton, and I'm reporting for booty.
I also think John Kerry is going to win. And it scares the crap outta me.
Somewhere, over the rainbow
I really wish that they would cut back on the police force so my crime can continue.

Family housing set for Jan. finish



By John Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Tenth & Home Family Living Center construction project progresses on schedule. The new housing, geared toward Tech students with families, will provide 460 living spaces when completed.

By April Moore
Contributing Writer

Tech housing is now being expanded for families. A new family center is being developed at Tenth and Home near the Graduate Living Center.

According to Holly Shikano, Residence Life Coordinator for Tech Housing, the family center will be for married students and students with dependents under 18. Included in those who are eligible to live in the family center are single moms and dads who are students.

At least two of the seven buildings in the community will be completed and ready for move in by this January.

The new housing community will give Tech a total of 460 living spaces to accommodate students' needs, in

comparison to the 300 living spaces in Callaway and Healey, which were torn down about a year ago for the new construction.

Shikano notes comparisons between the new and old family facilities.

She said that Callaway and Healey did not have washers and dryers, and they were not connected to RESNET. Shikano also said that students living in the former family housing areas of Callaway and Healey also had to contract their own phones. This will not be the case for the new family living center.

In addition, the Tenth&Home family center will make up for the other amenities Callaway and Healey lacked; the housing will include washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves and access to high-speed internet.

Tenth&Home will also have features such as "one fee living." Residents will be able to take care of the living costs in a single fee, rather than shuffling phone bills, electric bills, water bills and rent. There is a cost breakdown on the web for the Tenth&Home family living center.

Shikano described the facilities as "amazing." She said the conveniences will make it much easier for students. There will be bike paths, she said, in addition to a six-story parking deck for residents. To find out more information, see www.housing.gatech.edu, where there is a link for "brand new family housing," or contact Mazlum Kosma at maz.kosma@housing.gatech.edu. Kosma is the community director for the Tenth&Home family living center.

Breaking the Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

GOP kicks off convention in New York

The Republican Party kicked off its presidential convention in Madison Square Gardens in New York this past Monday with a host of prominent New Yorkers, including former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Other notable speakers during the week long convention include Senator John McCain of Arizona, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Vice President Dick Cheney and local Senator Zell Miller, a self-proclaimed "Conservative Democrat" of Georgia. Along with listening to speeches, Republicans also set their official platform and officially submitted Bush and Cheney as candidates for this year's presidential election. Tens of thousands of people gathered to protest in New York in response to the convention.

12 Nepalese hostages executed in Iraq

A gruesome video showing the beheading of one Nepalese construction worker and the shootings of 11 of his colleagues was released online Tuesday. If these killings are confirmed, they will raise the documented number of hostages killed by Iraqi extremists to 22. These atrocities, claimed by a little-known group calling themselves the Ansar al-Sunna, mark the bloodiest instance of hostage killing in Iraq.

The workers, hailing from a small Asian nation in the Himalayas, were under the employment of a Jordanian firm, and were taken by the extremists soon after crossing the border into Iraq. In a statement posted on the web, Ansar al-Sunna threatened everyone else working with U.S. forces in Iraq.

Al-Sadr considers entry into Iraq politics

Peace talks between the rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and the Iraqi government continued this week, as focus turns to the Baghdad slum of Sadr City. The scene of much violence between Sadr loyalists and American troops until recently, Sadr City was peaceful Monday, even as Iraqi police forces and American soldiers took positions within the area. If al-Sadr decides to enter his nation's political arena, which the current president of Iraq has invited him to do, it could mean the end of fighting between his militia and American and Iraqi governmental forces.

SLIVER

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I hate vectors. Maybe I should change my major...
awesome...more hot girls at tech this year. Either that or this is the fastest I've put my tech goggles on
Why do the construction signs say "pedestrians and students"? Are students not also pedestrians? Do cars no longer have to yield to students? Where is the justice?
I'm the "Fancy" Roommate, and I'd like to say that AE really is the easiest Major
CS isn't far behind
Everyone knows biology is where it's at
props to MO-YAH
The Foam pipe insulation game is called Missiles
The Dirty roommate has lots of porn
and a hot mom
Shewanella-4-ever
and JMISG
Werd
ah how I have missed the sliver section, the King has returned
Dammit I hate Dexters new voice
FireFox, I love you
Mechatronics sure has a lot of Circuits in it
AH Shitoki!
Naruto PWNS your face!
Summer school here really isn't so bad. It doesn't bite as much as fall and spring
So The King gives a hearty hello to the new Sliver girl
Curse the waterslide for not opening till 3!
Curse snooty alumni for questioning the need for a waterslide!
One day we will all look back on this time spent going through hell (tech) and realize...
Juniors is cheap? Since when?
RED STRIPE BEER DOT COM
Fried Squid > you

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By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

NOW HE’S COOKING: Men’s Basketball Head Coach Paul Hewitt greets a young fan at a party held last Thursday night to celebrate AXO’s win in the Greek Challenge. Hewitt grilled food for the sorority. Women’s head basketball coach MaChelle Joseph was also on hand.

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worked on the rest of the signs in the Student Center Commons because it must be consistent with the rest of the area.

The student body’s perception of such a bill was also a concern for representatives, who worried that they would be expected to fund similar requests from other organizations.

“You have to consider ourselves as not a typical student organization,” Phuong said, calling the SGA an organization that exists to serve other student organizations. She added that it is representative of the entire campus, and must put on a good face.

“This year is our ‘make-or-break’ year in terms of how we’re going to utilize our office,” Phuong said. She argued that SGA must move quickly to ensure students learn where the office is so they’re able to come in and speak with their representatives.

“This isn’t an ego thing for SGA,

this is a visibility thing,” said senior representative Eleanor Baccay.

Despite the concerns, the bill passed by a wide margin, clearing the way for the sign to be created and installed.

Also passed was a bill allocating \$600 to seven student organizations for the purchase of broadcast rights for the 2004 ICC Knockout Champions Trophy Cricket Broadcast. One organization’s representative said they had not yet had the opportunity to raise their own funds since the start of the year, and so were seeking the money from SGA.

He also said that cricket was the second-most watched sport on campus, and also cited the high success versus cost of the broadcast of the World Cup broadcast, funded by SGA last year at a cost of \$4,000.

The organizations also planned to have public showings of the games, which would air on GTCN.

The organization representative said food provided at the viewings would be funded by the organizations themselves.

Come to the Photo staff meetings ... Thursday at 6 p.m. in Room 137 of the Flag Building

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parking rates. At an average of two times a week, this comes as a cost advantage.

"It really works best for two days or less," Furniss said. "It's a considerable savings if you get SmartPark, if you only come a couple of times a week."

BuzzCards are activated for SmartPark privileges after a \$20 SmartPark permit is purchased from the Parking Office. This permit, like the regular annual permit, is good from Aug. 1 to July 31 of the following year.

When entering one of designated parking decks for SmartPark, users must slide their BuzzCards into the SmartPark reader, which is different from the normal reader for annual permit holders, and \$4 is automatically deducted. SmartPark commuters can enter a parking deck as early as 5:30 a.m., but must leave before 12:00 a.m. No overnight parking is allowed with SmartPark permits, and users will incur a \$25.00 "out-of-area" fee if found parked after midnight.

There are some catches when it comes to using SmartPark, though, Furniss said. "You have to use it to enter and exit the deck in that sequence. Or else it won't work." Even if the gate is open when a user exits the parking deck, he or she must swipe their card so it stays in sequence. Also there are no "in and out" privileges. Users must pay each time they enter and exit a lot.

SmartPark was introduced as an economical parking option for those who do not come to campus on a daily basis; it is not suitable for regular visitors or long-term parking.

The normal fee for daily parking

on campus for non-permit holders is \$8 in the State Street lot and the soon-to-open Old Management Lot, \$5 at the Burge lot, and \$10 at the Technology Square and Student Center lots.

The maximum daily rate for the Student Center Lot has increased this year from \$8 to \$10 because of "the demand for and location of the Student Center visitor lot parking," Furniss said. "Pure economics requires the rates to increase."

Rates have also increased in all of the visitor lots from \$0.50 to \$0.75 for each half-hour of parking. It is hoped that the increased visitor rates will help prevent significant increases to regular permit fees by

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Bob Furniss
Parking director

providing "additional revenue that may offset the need [to raise parking permit fees]," Furniss said.

He added that the soon-to-open Old Management Lot (W03) will give visitors an option to save a few dollars for "only a short walk to the other side of the deck."

For commuters, these changes make the SmartPark option more attractive. On a five-day-a-week basis, though, an annual parking permit does come out to be slightly less than \$2 a day, thus making it the better choice for those who come to campus more often than two or

three days a week.

Sales have increased this year for SmartPark with the addition of the North Deck. Only 83 SmartPark permits were sold last year when Technology Square was the only option, compared to 265 permits sold this year. "I think it's because we have it on both sides of campus now," Furniss said.

Regular permit holders can also purchase the SmartPark permit if they want more parking options on campus. Some students on the waiting list for a normal parking permit have purchased a SmartPark permit for temporary use.

However, the SmartPark permit does not give users the same privileges that come with a regular parking permit, such as access to certain lots after business hours. "It's not good in any other lot," Furniss said, "and it does not give you access to any of the after hours parking that we give to regular permit holders."

"Many people," Furniss said, "think that once they have a SmartPark permit...that it gives them the access all over campus, [but] it doesn't."

Furniss reminded users that they need to maintain a proper balance on their BuzzCards, "or else [the parking deck] won't let you in." There is also no free parking on the weekends in the two SmartPark decks; however, free weekend parking is available in the three visitor lots on campus.

Five parking areas have also now been designated with new signage under the Wayfinding Master Plan. Parking Area 2—the Student Center Visitor Lot, has also been reconfigured to a smaller, priority visitor pay lot with roughly 80 spaces. The parking spaces inside the W02 deck once usable by visitors have been returned to permit use only.

President's Scholar enrollment increases

By Jason Alcock
Contributing Writer

Despite financial cutbacks in many other areas, as well as a possible tuition increase to help the economic burden, the President's Scholarship is still going strong.

Money donated for use towards the scholarship totaled nearly \$2 million this year. This figure has stayed fairly consistent for the past few years. Money allocated for the scholarship for the 2001-2002 school year equaled \$1.7 million; the following year it reached \$2 million. This past school year, 2003-2004, the total pushed \$1.9 million.

This total reflects the combined amount that is used for incoming freshman, as well as to cover the costs of President's Scholars that are returning to Georgia Tech.

A decrease in funding last year, followed by an increase this year, has allowed a sizable number of new freshman to receive the President's

Scholarship. This year, over 60 freshmen received the President's Scholarship, as compared to approximately 40 last year.

The President's Scholarship does not follow trends produced by direct changes in the economic situation surrounding education for several reasons. The bulk of the money comes from the annual Giving Campaign by the Alumni Association.

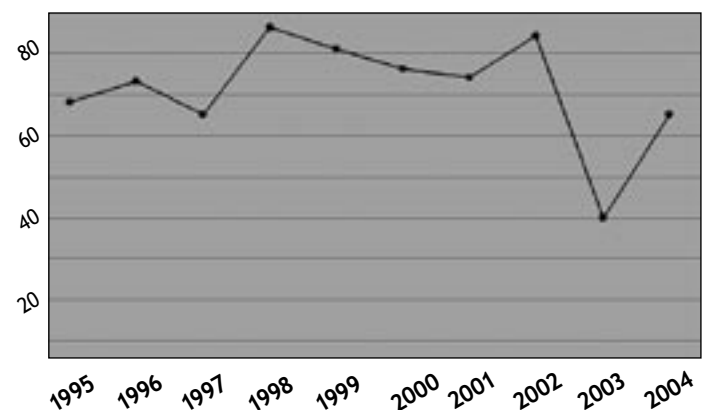
This is money that the president can distribute in any way he wishes. "It's hard to predict from year to year what's going to happen. Depending on how things go, [the President's Scholarship] could see some change," said Randy McDow, director of the President's Scholarship Program.

Since the money is received through donations, the amount of money available to the program is purely dependent on the funds received during the previous year.

There have only been two major

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Midyear tuition increase only one of many possibilities

Tuition
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“It was one option that was discussed if the University System has to absorb a second round of budget cuts in the current fiscal year. But at this point we don’t know how much cuts will be; as such, it would be irresponsible to suggest possible approaches,” Harty said.

According to a spokesperson from the office of Governor Sonny Perdue, it is still very early in the budget process, and any numbers relating to the budget are still only recommendations that are part of the planning process.

The final verdict on the matter will likely depend on a review’s results.

In a statement released Aug. 25, Georgia Chancellor Thomas Meredith of the Board of Regents said, “Until we hear the results of that review, it is premature to speculate about specific actions.”

“As for the reported tuition increases,” Meredith added, “the Board of Regents has not considered any such action.”

Any increase in tuition made would have to be approved by the Board of Regents, and the state of

Georgia has never seen a midyear hike in tuition.

In previous years, however, several other state schools such as the University of California-Berkeley have found the need to adjust tuition rates halfway through the school year.

Tech has traditionally been a low-cost school, especially when compared to its peers of the same academic caliber.

Tech has worked hard to maintain high standards in the face of economic pressures. In the past five years, the University System of Georgia has seen a 28 percent increase in enrollment, but an eight percent increase in state funding.

According to data from the President’s Office, Tech’s state allocation has been reduced by roughly \$40 million over the past three years.

“[This] makes things difficult enough,” said Institute President Wayne Clough, “but this comes at a time when our enrollments are

“Tuition increases may have to be used to help maintain the quality of our educational offerings.”

Wayne Clough
Institute president

up by upwards of 1,500 students. Tuition increases may have to be used to help maintain the quality of our educational offerings.”

“As to midyear tuition increases,” Clough said, “we have had no formal discussions about this and would hope they will not be necessary.”

The Institute must wait and see what comes of the budget process to see the best course of action.

“There are a number of revenue increases and cost cuts that we would have to consider depending on the ultimate decision,” Harty said.

In the Aug. 24 edition of the *AJC*, Georgia Tech Provost Jean-Lou Chameau hinted that cuts might result in laying off part-time and adjunct faculty and staff members, and of fewer course sections, “which means it could take students longer to graduate.”

Chameau also said that he “wouldn’t be surprised if we have to go to a midyear increase. I don’t see any way we could avoid it.”

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changes in the President’s Scholarship since its inception in 1981. In 1990, because of funding problems, the “full-ride” part of the President’s Scholarship was removed. This later returned in 2002, but on a limited basis. Now, a full-ride scholarship is only given to five students from the state of Georgia, and five out-of-state students.

The second major change involves the SAT requirement that was used before 1998.

Before that year there was a minimum SAT score that was needed to qualify for the scholarship; that requirement has since been removed.

The President’s Scholarship, however, is limited compared to the top merit programs offered at other colleges and universities in the southeast.

“We do not get the funding that

other schools do, and that is consistent with pretty much every school you look at,” McDow said.

Students in top merit programs at schools such as University of Georgia, Clemson and University of Chapel Hill all receive a full-ride scholarship.

This is indicative of the youthful nature of the program. The President’s Scholarship has not even reached 25 years old, as compared to the Morehead Scholarship offered at UNC, which has been in use since the 1950s.

The President’s Scholarship has a solid future ahead, according to McDow. The oldest President’s alum is still young, only in the mid-40s.

“The scholars are moving into solid careers, such as doctors, law offices, engineers. It will be interesting to see how this plays out as the alumni move into their 50s and 60s looking to give back to the university,” McDow said.

Print

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as OIT systems support specialist Joel Linderman, media specialist Crit Stewart and OIT project advisor Tony Gilmer, students may not be in as much of a pinch as they think.

“[The 800 page per semester limit] was an experiment and we were willing to give it a try,” Gilmer said with regards to the semester-based limit in spring.

According to Gilmer, when the 800-page limit was first introduced last semester, OIT spent a total of \$29,000 to cover the cost of paper and toner.

This was higher than any cost OIT has ever spent on any amount of free student printing. OIT’s normal budget per year is around \$35,000.

It is understandable then, why OIT has decided to return to the 50 pages per week limit. But, there is still the problem of excessive amounts of printing required for

certain classes.

OIT has considered this problem and is currently working on solutions for students. Such solutions include utilizing the Central PS service, a program that many students are not aware of.

According to Linderman, students can send any documents that require printing to the Central PS

“[The 800-page limit] was an experiment.”

Tony Gilmer
OIT project advisor

system where they can be printed for students free of charge.

Adding to the system’s appeal is that with this method, there are no limits with regards to how many pages students are permitted to print

out on OIT printers.

To use this option, all you have to do is when you go into print, under the choice of the printer you are wanting to use, go to an option titled “central-ps,” and pick up your documents about two and a half hours later at the Rich Building.

What some students do not like about this system, though, is the inconvenience of having to travel to the east side of campus, across from the Architecture Building to pick up their printed documents.

OIT is also considering additional solutions to the problems caused to students by this policy. There is currently discussion regarding “pay for print” solutions where students who exceed their 50 pages per week limit can use their BuzzCard to pay for any extra pages. Another option under consideration, a plan reminiscent of similar cell-phone programs, is “rollover pages,” where if a student does not use all allotted pages one week.

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Quote of the week:
*"Everything happens to everyone
 sooner or later if there is time enough."*
 —George Bernard Shaw

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Indecent proposal

Last week, Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue announced the possibility that the state may make changes to spending rules that will effectively cut \$68 million from Georgia's higher education budget. If the proposal is adopted, universities would have to use money from their current fiscal year budget to pay off the debts that otherwise could have been deferred into next year. Tech would undoubtedly bear a large portion of the cut because it is one of the state's largest institutions.

Higher education in Georgia has already suffered through several major budget cuts over the past three years. In that time, the legislature has decreased Tech's state budget allocations by \$40 million. If the new policy is approved, Tech may have to consider either raising tuition next semester or decreasing faculty and staff sizes.

The governor and the state's legislators need to search for more options before they take action that further squeezes Georgia universities, which have never approved midyear tuition increases. The state should not make this year an exception. An investment in higher education is an investment in the future. How can we continue to attract the best and brightest if our tuition continues to increase? Tech has built its reputation on being a bargain for the price.

Many students would be hurt by a midyear increase. Scholarships, financial aid and graduate student stipends are evaluated on a yearly basis, not semesterly. Co-op students, interns and families plan their budgets assuming tuition rates will remain constant for the entire academic year. Absorbing the cut by reducing faculty or staff (with resulting increases in class sizes and decreases of services) is equally unappealing.

We strongly urge state officials to go back to the drawing board on this issue.

Here's your sign

After urging student organizations to be frugal in their requests this year, the Student Government Association (SGA) forwent a simple banner and passed a bill for a \$2,875 sign that will adorn their new office in the Student Center Commons. How can senators and representatives deny funding for any organization with a straight face after making such an extravagant purchase? SGA should set an example for other student organizations by pinching their own pennies. New reps should learn from this experience and thoroughly question all bills before passing them, even bills proposed by their own executive officers. SGA's credibility with the student body depends on it.

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By Brian Lewis/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Officiating not an exact science

A Hungarian fencing referee was expelled from the Olympic Games and suspended for two years after making a flurry of errors during the gold medal match in men's team foil. He made mistakes regarding six separate scoring decisions, with each favoring gold medalist Italy. Italy beat Russia by only three points.

Germany was originally awarded the gold medal in the team equestrian event, but the judges changed their minds and made a large deduction due to a perceived rules violation by the Germans, dropping them to fourth. Moments later, the equestrian appeals committee once again reversed the decision, restoring Germany to the top of the podium.

Russian gymnast Alexei Nemov's score jumped from a 9.725 to a 9.762 moments after the conclusion of his performance. The score modification by the Malaysian and Canadian judges directly corresponded to the crowd's noisy ten-minute protest to the original score.

With television cameras rolling and capturing all of the events in Athens, judging mistakes are being revealed in great numbers.

Officiating is far from an exact science. Otherwise, there would be no need to employ seven judges to determine who is the world's best diver. Judges are human, and the above events prove that mistakes are inevitable.

It's much easier to catch a technical error with a host of slow-motion instant replays from the best conceivable vantage points than from a judge's box with thousands of fans providing a tremendous distraction.

Of the many errors, the most publicized of this Olympiad's judging mishaps has been the fiasco involving American gymnast Paul Hamm. In case you missed it, Hamm was awarded a gold medal for his performance in the men's



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Kyle Thomason
 Assistant Sports Editor

all-around competition, but the decision has been protested because Korean Yang Tae Young was given an incorrect start value for his parallel bars routine, dropping him from gold to bronze.

The mistake was admitted, and the judges responsible for the blunder were punished. There are usually a few motions that follow, but this is generally the end of the story. Unfortunately, in Hamm's case, it only marked the beginning of the controversy.

In a letter released to the public, the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) asked Hamm to voluntarily surrender his medal to his Korean counterpart. This is just flat out wrong on several levels.

First of all, there is no precedent for medals changing hands as a result of simple judging errors.

Next, FIG claims the letter was simply in response to a statement made by Hamm, when Hamm basically said he did not plan on giving up the medal, unless the governing body decided it was the right thing to do.

Hamm got this one right; it is the governing body's job to decide whether any changes should be made. FIG made absolutely no formal ruling, only stating that the starting value for Young was indeed incorrect, and put the incident back in Hamm's court, asking him if he would voluntarily relinquish his medal in an ultimate show of sportsmanship.

This is something that Hamm should not have to deal with after turning in the performance of his life. It is not his fault that the judging was flawed.

The "sportsmanship" comment is simply a method FIG is employing to deflect blame from the real issue of the judging and an attempt to make Hamm look like a bad guy if he does not cover for their mistake. It is blatant propaganda, attempting to imply that Hamm is a bad sport if he does not relinquish the medal.

Finally, FIG should have taken a look at the performance they backed for the gold medal more closely before putting a stamp on this letter.

Nowhere in the letter's contents will you find any mention that the judges failed to deduct two-tenths of a point, as they should have, for the bronze medalist Young having one more than the three allowed "holds" in his routine.

I'm no gymnastics expert, but this extra hold seems pretty clear when watching replays of the event.

It is something that Hamm is quick to point out after reviewing the event, and the deduction for this flaw would actually be greater than the addition from having the correct start value, so Young's score actually should have been a bit lower, and bronze would be the proper medal for him.

The results are in, and according to my calculations, Paul Hamm still deserves the gold, and the FIG is coming in dead last.

Tech doesn't always have all the answers

This semester I'm doing something a little out of the ordinary for most Electrical Engineering majors: I'm interning at a local TV news station.

Four days each week after my morning classes, I drive over to the WSB-TV/Channel 2 building on Peachtree Street where I'm working this fall as a news intern. Those of you who watch the local news may be familiar with the name.

I applied for this internship because I'm thinking about getting into science journalism after I graduate, but I didn't expect to be accepted.

WSB-TV is a local news station, so they mainly cover hard news; the closest they get to science are their occasional medical and health news segments. I do think, though, that my being an engineering major at Tech helped set my application apart from all the journalism majors at liberal arts schools.

Once I started working, however, I found that my Tech affiliation—normally so valued by graduate schools and prospective employers—really doesn't count for much in the newsroom.

Whenever I introduce myself to someone and tell them where I go to school, the response is along the lines of, "Tech? I didn't know they had a journalism program." And I say, "They don't. I'm an



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Jennifer Lee
Focus Editor

engineer." They usually raise their eyebrows as I explain my tentative career plans, or worse, they just say "oh" and walk away unconvinced, uninterested or unimpressed.

This is totally different from the reaction I would usually get anywhere else when I say I'm majoring in EE at Tech: approving nods, people who whistle and say, "Wow, that must be tough."

So it's a change from the norm, in more ways than one. These first few weeks I've worked at the assignment desk. I'm constantly answering the phone, finding information for reporters who are out in the field, calming excited callers who are convinced that they have something we "absolutely need to investigate" and trying to differentiate between those who might have legitimate news tips and those who are just a bit wacky.

I've realized how Tech has made me dependent on email,

the internet and other passive forms of communication and information acquisition.

At Tech, email and instant messaging allow you to carefully plan what you're saying and talk without ever actually saying a word.

At WSB, I have to think fast and make sure I'm speaking clearly and loudly into the phone and to other people.

At Tech, if I forget some bit of information or write something down wrong, I have the luxury of the internet and Google. At WSB, working at the assignment desk is like a memory exercise—I have to remember names, places, numbers of people who call.

Most importantly, at Tech, I can still get away with not being proactive. One of the cool parts of this internship is that interns are encouraged to go out with reporters and live crews, and see firsthand how all that works. But in order to do this, you can't be

shy; you have to just go up to a reporter and ask if you can tag along.

I'm struggling with this, and it's for the same reason that I can count on one hand the number of times that I've gone to see a professor for help in my three years here. I've found that I can just call classmates, find someone who has word or, at the very least, just suck it up and hope to ride the curve.

For once, I have a job where my Tech education isn't helping me at all, and it's kind of humbling.

It's easy to become complacent, even arrogant, when your school has as good a reputation as Tech does. A typical Tech student would probably look down on my fellow interns, who are from schools like Georgia State and West Georgia University.

But in the newsroom, at least, what's important is how you conduct yourself. There is a certain grace, poise and communicativeness that makes the people with whom I work at WSB-TV entirely different from the esoteric professors and bumbling students that surround me at Tech.

So I'm hoping some of that grace will rub off on me. I'm sure, regardless of whether I become an engineer or not, that it'll help me in the future.

BUZZ

Around the Campus
Which fall sports are you looking forward to?



Keith Dunbar
ARCH Third-year

"Football and basketball."



Theresa Larkins
IE Fifth-year

"Football and volleyball."



Tan Minh Vo
BME Freshman

"Nothing."



TR Riney
ARCH Third-year

"Football games."

Photos by Andrew Saulters

OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT- or -NOT



We're not so sad

Last year, we were ranked the second-most unhappy students in the nation, according to the *Princeton Review*. This year, we've gone down to No. 16, proving that the waterslide really was a necessary purchase. Now, sadly, there are students at 15 schools that now look at Tech and said "Wow, I wish I was there." Now, if only we can get Housing to take the No. 16 "Dorms like dungeons" ranking seriously.



Samford campout

Camping out for UGA/Tech football tickets or Tech/Duke basketball tickets? Perfectly acceptable—they're hard to come by. But why on earth would anyone camp out for Samford tickets? Around 10 students did camp out for "coveted" Samford tickets. The only logical explanation we can come up with is that the poor souls thought we were playing Stanford University instead.



Labor Day weekend

Just when we started to get sick of boring classes, the upcoming weekend has given us a reason to smile again. Tonight we can check out rollercoasters at the GT @ Six Flags night, then tomorrow, our football team face the Samford Bulldogs i.e. the ones we should be able to beat. To top it off, no classes on Monday!



Parking changes

In a turn of events that has become all too familiar, the Parking office has made parking on campus harder and more expensive than ever. The rates of the SC lot, and the IC parking lot increased to \$1.50 per hour. The SC Deck won't even open till 7 p.m. Where was the student input in this decision?

Sport yellow for cancer

By Ashton Rogers
The Bulletin (Emporia State U.)

(U-WIRE) Emporia, Ks.—Presidential candidates wear them, musicians wear them, movie stars wear them, athletes wear them, students wear them... they're everywhere.

After only being on campus a few days and watching the Olympics, it's hard not to think that they are everywhere. It's amazing to think that all of these people I've seen are supporting a great cause by wearing a small, yellow rubber bracelet.

The Lance Armstrong Foundation launched its "Livestrong" campaign in May of 2004. In an effort to raise \$5 million for cancer research, the foundation began selling these bracelets with the words "LIVE STRONG" inscribed on them.

Sold for only one dollar, all proceeds go to the foundation. I think they're the cheapest fashion statement I've ever seen that

actually looks good. It doesn't look tacky, it won't break and it puts off a sporty vibe.

They are so popular, that since its debut in May, the foundation has sold more than 7 million of the bands. The largest increase in sales came during the Tour de France this summer. Nearly 25,000 bracelets were sold in Paris in only one day, and over the following three days, 400,000 were sold over the foundation's web site.

I think Lance Armstrong's personal story is enough to encourage people to support the cause he is fighting for.

In 1996, Armstrong was given a 50 percent chance of survival. He had been diagnosed with advanced testicular cancer, and it had spread to his lungs and brain.

Overcoming the odds, he went on to win six consecutive Tour de France titles. This is a feat unsurpassed by any other

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athlete in history.

His story and love of cycling has everything to do with his "Live strong" campaign.

The reason the bracelets are yellow, is because the leader and champion wear yellow jerseys in the Tour de France.

"Live strong" is a saying that Armstrong lives by every day.

I found one of his quotes on the internet the other day.

"Yellow wakes me up in the morning. Yellow gets me on the bike every day. Yellow has taught me the true meaning of sacrifice. Yellow makes me suffer. Yellow is the reason I'm here," Armstrong said.

When I got the idea to write this column, I had no idea about the story that was behind it.

I knew that it supported a charity and that Lance Armstrong was behind it, but I had no idea the amount of people that had gotten involved in its underlying cause.

You don't have to be a huge fan of cycling to buy one of these bracelets. It's just a solemn reminder of the power of your heart and how determination and drive can get you through any struggle.

Imagine what it's like to be in someone else's shoes, where his or her struggle is such an obstacle, that it has taken 7 million people to help aid in research and there still isn't a cure.

When it comes to charity, every little bit counts. I know that I'm going to go get my own bracelet, and I hope that you will too.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Graduate community defies cultural boundaries

The graduate students are coming! Yes, whether you like it or not Tech is set to increase the number of graduate students to around 10,000 over the coming years.

In case you didn't know graduate students already make up one third of the students on campus, we are just really good at blending in.

This column is intended to introduce you to the plight of graduate students.

Okay, so maybe "plight" might be an overly dramatic term; let's say the world of this graduate student.

I went to Tech as an undergrad, and then left the United States to study in the United Kingdom for two years. Now I'm back at Tech studying for my doctorate.

Since returning to the U.S. and to Tech, I have been acutely aware of not quite fitting in anymore. I often feel caught between two worlds.

When I left for England, I thought that I could be at home almost anywhere in the world. After all, hadn't I lived in seven different states and moved every three years of my life?

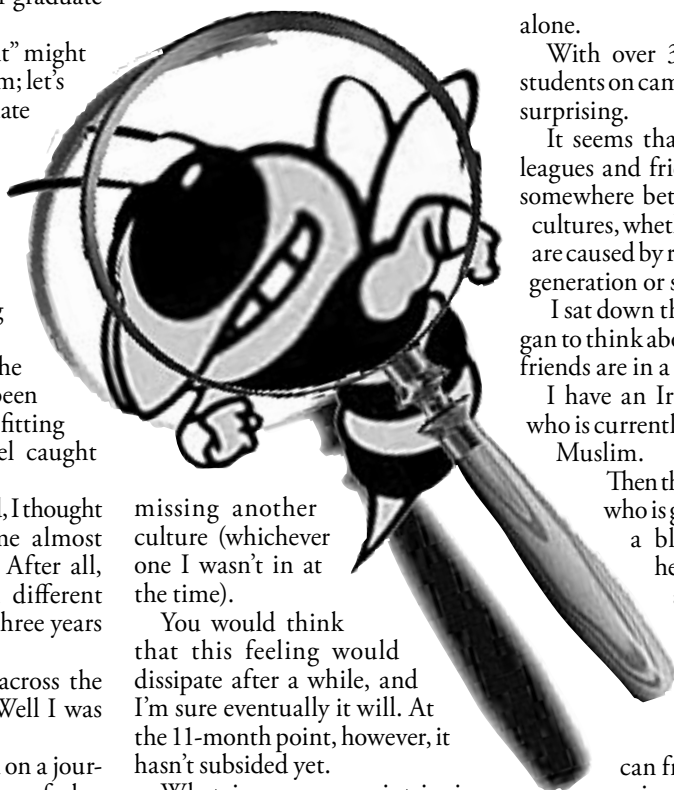
How would moving across the pond be any different? Well I was wrong.

I was about to embark on a journey, which would lead me to feel at home in two different countries, and yet simultaneously I found myself



"It seems that many of my colleagues and friends are also adrift somewhere between two different cultures..."

Karen Feigh
Columnist



alone.

With over 3,000 international students on campus, it hardly seems surprising.

It seems that many of my colleagues and friends are also adrift somewhere between two different cultures, whether these differences are caused by religion, nationality, generation or something else.

I sat down the other day and began to think about how many of my friends are in a similar situation.

I have an Irish Catholic friend who is currently dating a Pakistani Muslim.

Then there is another friend, who is generally considered a black sheep among her family of doctors and lawyers who see engineering as a less than noble profession.

Also notable is my Korean-American friend whose parents raised her American—only to face disappointment

that she continues to reject all of

their suggestions for her future husband.

Next is myself-proclaimed liberal friend, who has never had a kind word to say about anything associated with the U.S. government. After returning from a six month stint abroad, she found herself strangely conservative and patriotic.

Lastly is my friend who upon graduating with honors in engineering and working in industry for the past three years has rediscovered her sporty-creative side, leading to serious questions about her career path.

Everywhere I look I seem to see people caught between two or more worlds.

Which leads me to the question of whether anyone actually feels content with their culture. And more appropriately, should they?

Maybe it is just a part of life to feel torn or at least stretched. Maybe we are all better off because of the pull between these two worlds.

I'm beginning to feel that this juxtaposition is a welcome dimension of my personality and life.

I just wish it didn't leave me craving tea every afternoon.

Currently working on her Ph.D. in Industrial and Systems Engineering, Karen Feigh has been involved in numerous organizations, including *T-Book*, the Women's Leadership Conference, Graduate Student Senate and President's Council, during her undergraduate and graduate studies at Tech.

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HOME SWEET DORM

For many students, especially freshmen, making sure your dorm is exactly how you want it takes a little bit of creativity. **Page 17**

WREK GETS INTO THE GAME

This year, WREK radio's programming is set to include broadcasts of Tech's best sports, including football and men's basketball. **Page 37**



Recent college rankings demand deeper look

U.S. News, Princeton Review's varied methodologies key to understanding results

By Jennifer Lee
Focus Editor

This past month, *U.S. News and World Report* released their 2005 edition of *America's Best Colleges*. Tech made a strong showing, with every program in the College of Engineering ranked among the top 15 in the country and four programs ranked among the top five. Overall, Tech slipped three spots from last year to 41st among all universities, public and private.

On the other end of the spectrum, however, *Princeton Review* recently released their 2005 edition of *The Best 357 Colleges*. Tech ranked in the top 20 in six categories—all of them negative. The Institute was number one in the category of "Class Discussions Rare," and number four in "Professors Get Low Marks." In addition, Tech also was ranked for having an unsightly campus and "dorms like dungeons."

U.S. News and Princeton Review are two very different surveys with very different aims. So how seriously should students be taking these rankings, and how exactly are they calculated?

"We follow all of [the rankings] closely, if for no other reason than the fact that students and prospective students look at them," said Bob McMath, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic

Affairs. "We also take them with a grain of salt."

U.S. News and World Report bases their rankings on statistics provided by Tech's Office of Institutional Research and Planning (IRP) in a nearly 600-question survey. These include numbers on student selectivity, faculty resources, graduation/retention rate and financial resources,

"[Princeton Review is] not really open about the number of students that they actually get responses from."

Sandi Bramblett
Director, Institute
Research and Planning

for example.

The largest factor, however, is a peer assessment, which is conducted by *U.S. News* through surveys of presidents, provosts and dean of admissions at peer institutions. This factor makes up 25 percent of the school's overall ranking.

From the administration's point of view, said McMath, the peer assessment is one of the most important

things they look at. The peer assessment is important because "it opens doors for us in collaboration with other leading national universities," McMath said.

The *Princeton Review* rankings, on the other hand, are done mainly through student surveys. Rankings for 60 different categories are based solely on student surveys. The surveys are distributed through a variety of outlets: there is an online survey that students can fill out throughout the year; in addition, representatives from Princeton Review sometimes will visit campus to distribute paper surveys.

However, according to Sandi Bramblett, IRP's director, one of the main problems with the Princeton Review rankings is that the actual number of students surveyed at each school is not revealed.

"They're not really open about the number of students that they actually get responses from," Bramblett said. "I know that our folks in Institute Communications and Public Affairs have asked them several times how many students are we talking about, [but] we can't really get a good answer."

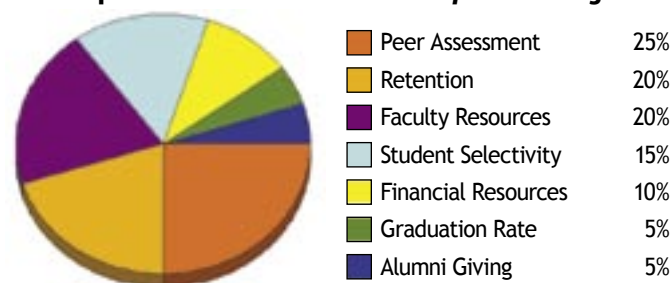
This makes it difficult to determine if the Princeton Review rankings are truly representative of the student body. According to

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BEHIND THE RANKINGS: WHAT DO THEY REALLY MEAN?

U.S. News & World Report bases their rankings on a variety of data, with assessments from peer institutions carrying the most weight.

Composition of US News & World Report Rankings



Tech's US News & World Report Rankings

National Universities: Top Schools	#41
Business Schools	#34
Industrial Engineering	#1
Biomedical Engineering	#2
Aerospace Engineering	#4

The Princeton Review compiles their rankings based on student surveys offered online throughout the year, and on-campus distribution.

Tech's Princeton Review Rankings

Class Discussions Rare	#1
Professors Get Low Marks	#4
Professors Make Themselves Scarce	#10
Campus Is Tiny, Unsightly or Both	#15
Dorms Like Dungeons	#15
Least Happy Students	#16

Academic misconduct statistics available online

By Narendhra Seshadri
Contributing Writer

With the start of the academic year, many Tech departments are launching redesigned websites. The Dean of Students Office's website is no exception, and one of the things that may now be more accessible is information from the Office of Student Integrity (OSI).

While many students are aware of the strict policies enforced by the Institute and the consequences of cheating or plagiarizing an assignment, many are not aware that the Dean of Students website now has links to statistics regarding academic misconduct cases for every semester starting from the summer of 2002.

The site includes statistics on the many different types of misconduct including unauthorized access, unauthorized collaboration, plagiarism, falsification of work, alteration of grade, deliberate falsification and forgery. The statistics break down the different types of violation cases with respect to the number of reported incidents, the committee dealing with the case, the number of charged students, the type of sanction and also the college submitting the case.

"The stats were put on the website Spring of 2003 so that everyone could have access to them," said Senior Associate Dean of Students for Student Life Karen Boyd. "We believe that making that obvious is an important step in helping build the community of trust needed to improve the environment

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CoC educates high school CS teachers

By Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer

Never had a chance to take Advanced Placement Computer Science in high school? Your younger sibling might, thanks to a new endeavor from the College of Computing and the Georgia Department of Education to train current and future AP Computer Science teachers.

The college offered two Java-based workshops for the

first time last summer: one to assist current AP CS teachers, and the other to train teachers for the non-AP Introduction to Programming and Systems Management classes.

The objective is to use the workshops make the AP class available in every high school in the state. In return, the College of Computing receives more incoming students with a newly-vested interest in computer science, and the state receives more well-

trained employees to compete in the global marketplace.

"Programming and using computers is a fundamental skill," said Rich DeMillo, Dean of the College of Computing, who teamed up with State Secretary of Education Kathy Cox to head the project.

"[We] looked at what we could do versus what we were doing, and there just was a huge gap," DeMillo said. "Getting the number of AP courses up was a

good place to start."

Currently, there are around 40 AP Computer Science teachers in Georgia, although the state has more than 350 high schools.

"We hope...that a teacher can take the two-week workshop one summer, go back to teach computer science over the year...then return the following summer for the AP workshop," said Mark Guzdial, an associate professor in the College of Computing.

Guздial teaches CS 1315, an introductory CS course with a multimedia edge to appeal to non-CS and non-engineering majors. Guздial cited a 90 percent success rate for CS 1315 last year, compared to a 72 percent success rate between 2000 and 2002 for CS 1321 when it was the only introductory computer science class offered at Tech.

"It's just a more appealing approach than a typical computer science introductory course," said Maureen Biggers, assistant dean for diversity and special programs in the College of Computing. "I think it's because...they get to play with media, they get to play with art...it's just more fun."

Barbara Ericson, an instructor for the college, designed and taught the workshops around this approach. She kept the lectures short and the hands-on exercises engaging.

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Photo courtesy Institute Communications and Public Affairs

Rich DeMillo, Dean of the College of Computing, partnered with the Georgia Department of Education to train current and future high school AP Computer Science teachers. Some CS majors at Tech, who had less-than-adequate AP CS experiences, applaud the initiative.

Welcome to San Francisco, city of many Starbucks

PURA recipient shares a humorous account of the ups and downs of presenting a conference paper

By Michael Handelman
Contributing Writer

Earlier this August, I received a Presidential Undergraduate Research Award (PURA) to travel to San Francisco to present a research paper at the American Sociological Association's annual conference. Arriving at Hartsfield-Jackson airport at 5 a.m., I started getting nervous. My fear wasn't about the airplane ride, but rather that I had not even finished the paper I was presenting. Prior to leaving for

San Francisco, my enthusiasm for finishing up the conference version of my paper ran dry. I figured that I'd somehow be more motivated once I left Atlanta...or at least, that was the plan. I had been working on the research for the paper for more than a year, having previously received a separate PURA award to start the project. It was surprising when I was informed that my paper was accepted to this conference, but I figured that presenting as an undergraduate

would probably help my chances for the graduate schools to which I was applying. Settling into my seat on the plane, I was delighted to find out that my row-mate was the mother of a number of Tech students. Our conversation became especially intense during the safety briefing, as she proceeded to scream over the recording. However, after I informed her that I wasn't an engineer, I was glad that she stopped asking me about the biomolecular-nano-something program at Tech.

Otherwise the flight was pleasant, and a few hours later I emerged out of the subway station into a frenzied horde of tourists, pigeons and panhandlers. Eventually I made my way to my hostel: I was staying in Union Square, the tourist hub of the city, where the tourists stood in line, feeding pigeons donuts while taking pictures of each other standing on idle cable cars.

I arrived in the city a few days early to look around some of the neighborhoods and touristy areas. Walking into Chinatown, my goal was to eat something unique. Looking for breakfast, I peeked my head into a small café where elderly Chinese men were chatting over tea. The owner of the establishment called me inside and in broken English offered me something to eat for breakfast. I ate some brown paste wrapped in some translucent noodle-like substance that vaguely like meat, which I washed down

with a strong cup of what I assumed to be coffee. One of the more interesting areas I visited was The Castro, a fabulous neighborhood a few rail stops away from Union Square. Walking out of the station, it was hard to avert my eyes from the enormous gay pride flag screaming in the wind.

“I arrived about 20 minutes early to my presentation... making sure I had my materials. Then I spent some time staring in the mirror to make sure my hair was perfect.”

As a gay man living in Midtown, I was still not prepared for the pride flags painted on every lamppost in San Francisco. Prior to my visit, I had never seen so many gay bars, gay burrito joints, gay porn shops, gay leather shops and, well...gay men. Out of the many options available, I decided to eat a burrito. After this sightseeing, I quickly got back to work to finish the paper and my presentation. It wasn't hard to find a coffeeshop with Wi-Fi access in San Francisco, considering that there were places where two Starbucks were located on opposite street corners. But after navigating

around another hoard of European tourists ordering their first triple soy latte, I found a seat to finish my work. To prepare for my talk, I decided to attend some sessions prior to my own, in an attempt to figure out how I should best present my paper. One session was particularly interesting, where I learned about gay leather bar culture, Japanese lesbians and closeted lesbian housewives. The other talk I attended was more prosaic, with papers related to the sociology of work.

I arrived about twenty minutes early to my presentation, scouting out the room, making sure I had my materials. Then, I spent some time staring in the mirror to make sure my hair was perfect. Sitting at the presenter's table, I quickly realized that this particular session was probably not the most popular. Although most of the talks I attended had about dozen people in attendance, mine only had four. It vaguely reminded me of my Bar Mitzvah. Having rehearsed my 10-minute talk for many hours in my hostel earlier, the presentation went off without a hitch. After sitting through three less interesting papers following mine, I answered some perfunctory questions, shook the obligatory hands and walked out, feeling confident. Before my trip, the farthest west I had traveled was Montevallo, Alabama. As San Francisco was certainly more exciting than Montevallo, though, I plan on writing a few more research papers.



By Michael Handelman / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Arriving in San Francisco early gave Handelman an opportunity to sightsee (instead of working on the paper he was scheduled to present during the American Sociological Association's conference).

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I guess I have finally settled into a class now, way behind the people I should be with, slightly in front of the ones I should be in front of
Hooray for not graduating on time!
I like Pie, not really, I like pie so much...I love it?
Homestar! Runner! Everybody! Everybody!
Yankees losing = me happy
Obsessed? Are you nuts bitch?
Street Fighter Anniversary Collection is out by the time you are reading this, GO BUY IT!
Proof that OJ did it: Common sense
Woo! Waterslide RO>
I need to clean up my buddy list...
At least AE isn't girly
I hope we don't get our asses beat this season
sliver me timbers!! ahh haa ahha karl is awesome
splooge, what a great word
One day, Frylock, Meatwad, and Master Shake will rule us all. Carl will be their next door neighbor...still
Meteorologists are boring
bring back oscarweb! what was so wrong with having everything you needed on one page? honestly...
Every morning the hill greets me.
my only theory as to why they dont post slivers online:
The sliver section is the only section I care about, if it was online, I wouldnt have any need to pick up a paper
procrastination bliss
2 homeworks due thursday, one due friday, test next week, two labs this week, sitting here writing slivers, priceless
“Fundamentals of Engineering Thermodynamics, Worst Class Ever!”, I said as I registered for Fluid Dynamics
For the Biology and management majors out there, Fluid Dynamics is a really hard class
I guess the Biology and management majors wouldnt know what hard class meant either...hmmm, how to explain this...
hmmm, Fluids is sort of like your accounting class, without the cheat sheet with every answer on it...the questions are made up in the spot and are meant to have to answer
Wait, Biology was hard, what was I thinking, what's the other easy majors here? INTA? crap like that?
Why the hell did I think Biology was an easy class? is IE easy? that eng econ class was easy
Dance parties rock

Dealing with vagrancy: what students can, should do

By Katherine Colmer
Contributing Writer

How many times has a homeless person stopped you on your way to class and asked you for money? In a large city such as Atlanta, homelessness is a constant problem, and often crosses over onto the boundaries of the Tech campus. Students often see vagrants searching through the trash, approaching a student for money or just walking around campus.

"Our students are trusting," said Carla Cook, a Crime Prevention Officer at the Georgia Tech Police Department. The generosity and willingness of students

to lend a hand may encourage homeless people to come onto campus.

"We get a least a call a day about a suspicious-looking person around campus, or someone trying to solicit money from the students, but very rarely trying to get into the buildings," Cook said.

She added that the homeless people around campus are believed to be the reason behind many of the thefts, but most of them are harmless and just want money.

Cook advised students not to do so. "They'll tell you stories... but you don't have to give them any money," Cook said.

She said it is a bad idea to open your wallet when they approach you. Cook said that the city of Atlanta has many programs for the homeless that do not cost money. They do not need money to get into the shelters or any other programs.

Vagrants are not the only cause of thefts on campus, but many thefts caused by the homeless are crimes of opportunity, perpetrated when one leaves his or her belongings unattended. A lot of leaving any door to a building or a car unlocked or open can

invite someone to steal possessions. "Tech is not any different or worse than other schools like Georgia State, but the homeless can be a problem on our campus," Cook says. "However, crimes [by the homeless] against people are relatively rare."

If a student ever feels uncomfortable, Cook's advice is to get a good description of the person and the direction they are heading, and call the police. Students can call the Georgia

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"Tech is not any different or worse than schools like Georgia State, but the homeless can be a problem on our campus."

Carla Cook
GTPD Crime Prevention Officer

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Monica Gaughan, a professor in the School of Public Policy, "One of the things that one wants to know, no matter what the survey, is what the sample size is. Generally, if you start hitting the 100 to 120 mark in terms of number, you start converging on a good sample size."

The 2005 *Princeton Review* rankings are based on surveys of over 110,000 students—on average, a little over 300 students per school. However, the number of students surveyed per school is highly variable, and can range from less than 100 students to over 1000 students per school.

Another flaw with their methodology, according to Gaughan, is that their sampling strategy results in what is known as a convenience sample, not a random sample.

"You want your sample to represent the population it's drawn from," Gaughan said. "So in the Georgia Tech case...if they have a sample that's 50 percent women, automatically you know it's not representative of the Georgia Tech population. And since they don't report any of that information, it's not possible to evaluate."

In addition, she said, the students that are motivated to fill out the survey are those who have strong opinions.

"People who are very happy or very dissatisfied with their experience are the ones who are going to take the time to complete the survey," Gaughan said, "so you're more likely to see extreme responses reflected in things like the Princeton review."

McMath noted the *Princeton Review* doesn't purport to be a scientific analysis, and therefore, from an administrative perspective, "We really don't put much stock in that, except at a very gross level sometimes."

However, McMath noted that prospective students and their par-



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Campanile is a campus icon, but perhaps not an attractive one: Tech ranked #15 for "Campus Is Tiny, Unsightly or Both" in the *Princeton Review's* college guide. Are these rankings representative?

ents do pay attention to rankings, regardless. Numerical evidence supports this: for example, the current poll on the Tech homepage asks students how much college rankings such as *U.S. News and World Report* and *Princeton Review* impact their perceptions of an institution. A majority of respondents replied, "To a large extent."

In addition, all freshman are encouraged to complete a survey during FASET. According to this survey, approximately 46 percent of freshmen said "rankings in national magazines" were "very important" in the student's decision to attend a college.

This was the case for Warren Wade, a first-year Civil Engineering major. "Rankings were quite a significant role in my decision to come to Tech," he said. "A lot of them are based on the opinions of college deans, so to me that's a very credible source for choosing colleges."

However, other students disagree. Elizabeth Saltmarsh, a first-year Aerospace Engineering major, said,

"I actually didn't base any of my college choosing [on rankings]."

Ryan Carter, a prospective International Affairs student for spring, said that though rankings were important, the fact that Tech offered programs that he wanted was more of a factor. "[They're] not my overall final criteria for making the decision."

Amy Phuong, the Undergraduate Student Body President, also expressed frustration. "I feel like it's not just really accurate sometimes," she said. "It helps point out the overall problems that we might have, but I hate for students to just use it as ammunition and other students from other colleges to use it against us."

McMath reemphasized the impossibility of fully describing a school through rankings. Rankings like *U.S. News'* top universities, for example, "looks more like a football or basketball poll than anything else," he said. "We probably pay more attention to the...surveys that we do ourselves."

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Good to hear that Midnight Madness continues on. It's been a long time since first and second floor Matheson chose to irritate the rest of the Area 2 dorms with screaming during finals week. Not as Don't u just hate physics 2? and statics? and Matlab? and Calc 3?

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making friday lectures more interesting

Dorm decor showcases creativity, obsessiveness

By Amanda Dugan
Contributing Writer

Before worrying about books, exams, or even keeping HOPE, Tech students must arrange their dorm rooms. Not only are freshmen adjusting to small rooms and learning to share all over again, they also are faced with making their room personal while obeying Housing rules. Styles and techniques differ, but everyone faces the same challenges.

Walking into Civil Engineering

“Guys don’t like to decorate with pictures. They think they’re girly. They should use maps. I suggest looking in National Geographic.”

Patrick Odneal
First-year IE major

major Andrew deRussy’s room, there is a strong ambiance of patriotism from the American flag hung under the light. “Couches are necessary,” he said.

deRussy, a Peer Leader in Glenn Residence Hall, noted that everyone on his floor purchased their sofas from the Salvation Army warehouse sale. The goal in room design, deRussy said, is “decorate so it’s not a dungeon.”

Patrick Odneal, a first-year Industrial Engineering major who lives on East Campus, recommends maps for covering the white walls. “Guys don’t like to decorate with



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For many students, making sure their dorm room decor reflects who they are is of utmost importance. For others, function and comfort are what really matter. And for others, well, anything goes.

pictures. They think they’re girly,” he said. Instead, “they should use maps. They’re sophisticated and refined, yet decorative. I suggest looking in National Geographic.”

Other guys, like roommates Sean Miller and Dan Sykes, will use almost anything for decoration. Indeed, their room’s sole poster is a

recycling sign that fell from one of the trash cans.

“Anything that’s free we’ll make part of our décor,” they said.

Brad Hermann, an Undecided Engineering major and his roommate, Robert Ussery, an Electrical Engineering major, have made use of their space by lofting the beds and

creating a tower of Yaffa blocks.

Walking through guys’ dorms amongst the couches and stereo systems, the television stands apart. James Waring, a Mechanical Engineering major, and Phillip Young, an Electrical Engineering major, were devising a new floor plan to better center the couch and television in

their room during my visit.

Kenneth Baskett, an Aerospace Engineering major who lives in Folk Residence Hall, agreed that the television is of utmost importance. “The television should be the centerpiece of the room,” Baskett said.

When asked how guys’ and girls’ rooms differ, Ussery said, “The key difference is guys’ dorms aren’t made to be lived in but to be lived out of.”

In female residence halls, however, dorm decoration can sometimes be reminiscent of a TLC show. For example, on the first floor of Harrison Residence Hall, there is a pink

“The chandelier and tulle curtain may be too much for some, but it makes me smile.”

Krista Guzelian
First-year CompE major

curtain covering one door. Resident Krista Guzelian, a Computer Engineering major, explains, “Moving into such a smaller space with a stranger could have been miserable. But we decided early on to decorate with pink and merge our space.”

Guzelian added, “The chandelier and tulle curtain may be too much for some, but it makes me smile.”

Dorm decorating is all about making the most of your space and personalization. Coordination, pink or otherwise, is common in female dorms.

“We agreed on colors and picked stuff from there.” Becky Halcik, a

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Tech Police immediately by using an emergency phone.

The GTPD will talk to the vagrant, run his or her information through the Georgia Crime Information Center database, and issue an on-campus criminal trespass warning if necessary. A warning allows the vagrant to leave Tech campus. However, if he has a prior warning, he can be arrested.

The legal boundaries of the school are Williams Street, North Avenue, Tech Parkway, and 10th Street. The homeless are usually concentrated on the outskirts of the school boundaries, in the Student Center/Library

area, and in the courtyard areas between buildings. At no time are vagrants allowed in the residential buildings located on campus.

During the day, and especially game days, they may blend in with the crowds of students by wearing Tech clothing.

According to Cook, there are several points to keep in mind when dealing with the homeless or vagrants. Not all homeless people always look "homeless." Do not leave building doors propped open. Ask for student ID if you are doubtful as to whether the person lives in a building. Never offer rides. Anyone who is soliciting on campus must have permission by Campus Planning. If a person is circling a building, contact the police.



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Some students have been approached by vagrants asking for change, either on or near campus. GTPD Crime Prevention Officer Carla Cook recommended that students should refrain from giving money.

Mike Brittingham, a first-year Mechanical Engineering major who lives in Caldwell Residence Hall on West Campus, said that he does not think homelessness is a problem on campus. "Campus seems pretty safe so far, and I haven't been approached by a homeless guy yet," he said. "But once you get off campus property, it's different."

East Campus, though nearer to the highway, is not any different than West Campus in terms of police calls or problems. In addition, north of West Campus is Homepark, a residential area where many students rent homes.

Hudson Carpenter, a History, Technology and Society junior, has lived on East Campus and now lives in Homepark. "I have been approached by all kinds of different indigents when I used to live on East Campus for two years," he said.

"At first, I'd give them a little money every once in a while, but I can't afford it, and over time I've grown very tired of them," Carpenter said. "Every once in a while one or two would wander into the freshmen quad area, or sift through the dumpsters by the interstate. In fact, once I threw my garbage into a dumpster right outside of Towers and I heard a bum recoil in pain."

Carpenter added, "I distinctly recall the vagrant telling me he was going to the Varsity to eat, and instead he walked the other direction. I called to him, 'Hey man, the Varsity is that way,' but of course there was no response. Now I just have a rapid response that is almost like a reflex: 'Sorry.' That's all I ever say."

He echoed the sentiments of many students. "Relatively, I think the campus is pretty safe. I haven't personally heard of too many problems, mostly just nuisances."

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Biomedical Engineering major, said. Halcik and her roommate, Biomedical Engineering major Rachel Harkness, have created a zen room that is complete with a gold-covered futon, burgundy comforters, Chinese wall hangings and a string of Chinese lantern lights.

Strings of lights, Christmas or otherwise, are also a common method of brightening up a room—literally.

"Do lights," said Diane Dutcher, an Undecided Ivan Allen College major. "String lights add a whole new dimension to a room."

Lamps are also a frequent option for personalization. Stephen Thompson, an Aerospace Engineering major, said, "My desk lamp is special. It shows a part of me and without it I couldn't work in my room."

Space is always a limitation in a dorm room, but it often results in creative solutions.

Erika Via and roommate Sarah Hilton, both Biomedical Engineering majors, designed ladders for their lofts when their floor plan accidentally left them without a path to their beds.

"It's given us more floor space," Via said.

Though the thought of four different alarm clocks may frighten many, it's worth the extra space of a four-person room, according to

roommates Elicia Skelton, Rachel Wheeler, Jennifer Weizenecker and Hallie Willis.

The girls have split their quad into a bedroom and dressing area, allowing for the addition of an antique dresser, bookshelves, clothing rack, wicker drawers and multiple mirrors in their room. They worked together to create a room where "we can have dance parties, watch movies on the flat screen television, and try to study in," said Wheeler, a Mechanical Engineering major.

However, she is quick to add, "It only works because we all get along."

Christine Dreas, an Aerospace Engineering major, is impressed by how guys use their space. "It amazes me how much stuff a guy can fit in one room," she said.

Both sexes learn a lot through their dorm renovations. Lessons range from the simple to the

philosophical.

"Putting in carpet would have been easier without the furniture," said Brandon Kears, a Mechanical Engineering major.

Elizabeth Fleming, an Aerospace major, said, "I had to learn how to stay neat and get along with another person."

Physics freshman Colin Thomson shared a lesson he learned from seniors at Tech: "There are three things that a Tech student wants: good grades, a social life, and sleep. They can only have two. A good dorm gets you close to all three."

"Putting in carpet would have been easier without the furniture."

Brandon Kears
First-year ME major

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"We tried to make the exercises interesting...like using the game battleship and egg cartons to demonstrate two-dimensional arrays," she said, adding that the intention was to encourage teachers to try the same exercises out in their own classes. They were also given the opportunity to watch demonstrations of the research projects being conducted in the Technology Square Research Building.

Students who remember their own experiences with Advanced Placement applaud the College of Computing's efforts.

"A media-centered approach would maintain student interest," said Mark Luffel, a third-year Computer Science student.

According to Ericson, the multimedia approach helps to break down old stereotypes that often dissuade students from pursuing computer science.

"[One] problem is that teachers have some of the same stereotypes of CS as students have: anti-social, boring, math-based," she said.

Some students hope that the influx of students the program may produce will establish computer science as an everyday skill.

"By teaching CS in high school, we might be able to give the impression that it's not just for...hardcore nerds, and real people can actually find it beneficial to write a quick program to take care of some dirty work here and there," said Garry Boyer, a third-year Computer Science major.

For some students, AP Computer Science classes were often taught by

teachers with little experience in the field. Christopher Navo, a fifth-year Computer Science major, said this was the case with his high school.

"It was like, 'Here is a book about C programming. Good luck!'" Navo said. "I learned a lot from [the other students], and they learned a lot from me, but I don't think we learned much from the teacher."

Fortunately, said Guzdial, the program already seems to be working. "The teachers told us how they had never programmed before...but they were amazed with what they were achieving," he said.

To help these teachers overcome further difficulties, Ericson spends roughly 30 hours a week answering questions and giving follow-up workshops and making visits to the area high schools.

The program is funded in part by the Department of Education and in part by the College of Computing. This arrangement helps even smaller and less affluent school systems that might not otherwise be able to afford training.

DeMillo and Biggers also hope to seek out corporate sponsorship to help increase the number of workshops and the number and diversity of incoming computer science majors.

"Everybody that comes into Georgia Tech has to be...competitive in a different kind of marketplace than existed ten years ago," DeMillo said. "But...none of that is going to happen unless secondary schools and elementary schools can be brought along more much quickly than they are right now, and that's why this program is so important for us."

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Mark Guzdial
Associate professor, CS

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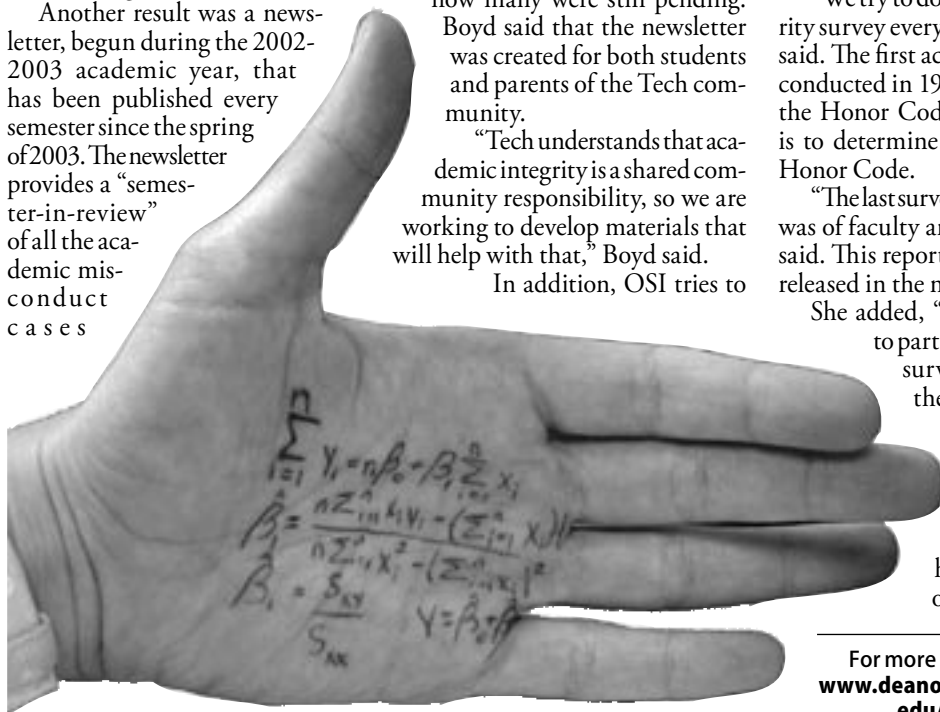
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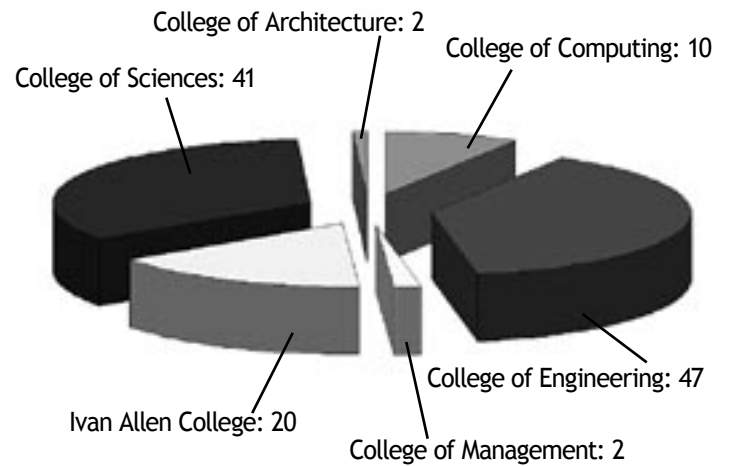
After the slew of CS cheating cases in Fall 2001, OSI was given the resources to hire a larger staff so they could handle their caseload appropriately. Previously, Boyd said, "There was little time available to do proactive things like develop extensive statistics and other preventative things."

With the addition of a new staff, Boyd said, "We focused on some of these larger projects that would increase the understanding of what is actually happening in our offices. We finalized this expanded format Spring of 2003 and completed that year's statistics in new format." In addition, this year OSI created a similar format for non-academic violations. Boyd said that students can anticipate being able to see all statistics for the academic year just completed on the Dean of Students' website. "This way, folks know what we are doing."

Another result was a newsletter, begun during the 2002-2003 academic year, that has been published every semester since the spring of 2003. The newsletter provides a "semester-in-review" of all the academic misconduct cases



NUMBER OF ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT CASES RESOLVED - SPRING 2004



The above graph is an example of the kind of statistics that can be found on the Office of Student Integrity's website. Over the past two years the office has aimed to be more proactive. "This way, folks know what we're doing," said Dean Karen Boyd.

brought forward to the office, how many of which were resolved and how many were still pending. Boyd said that the newsletter was created for both students and parents of the Tech community.

"Tech understands that academic integrity is a shared community responsibility, so we are working to develop materials that will help with that," Boyd said.

In addition, OSI tries to

conduct regular assessments of their performance.

"We try to do an academic integrity survey every three years," Boyd said. The first academic survey was conducted in 1997, the first year of the Honor Code, and its purpose is to determine the impact of the Honor Code.

"The last survey from 2003 we did was of faculty and students," Boyd said. This report is scheduled to be released in the next few weeks.

She added, "We are also going to participate in a national survey done through the Center for Academic Integrity this spring. This will allow us to compare the climate for honor here at Tech against other systems."

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COULD BE FUNNIER

Comedy open mic night at UTC gives a few laughs but underperforms overall. Page 22

Calling all elven clerics

This weekend it's the one, the only, DragonCon, the only place on the whole planet where you can discuss, in full view of the public, just how many dragons your dwarven warrior has slain. The event takes place at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta starting Friday at 1 p.m. and runs until 5 p.m. Saturday. Tickets cost \$60 - \$70 in advance and \$85 at the door.

Wind through MAiZE of corn

Because it's too weird to pass up, why not spend your Labor Day Weekend wandering around a labyrinth of corn? The MAiZE at Cagle is open weekends from Sept. 4 to Nov. 21, Fridays 3:30 to 11 p.m.; Saturdays 10 to 11 p.m.; Sundays 1 to 6 p.m. The maze is at Cagle's Dairy, 362 Stringer Road, Canton. Tickets cost \$8.

Party with blues and barbecue

Come see Mudcat, the Breeze Boys, Blues Boy Slim and many others this weekend at the Masquerade and enjoy some tasty fare while you're at it. The party kicks off at 11 a.m. and tickets will cost \$15 for adults. The show is free for children under 12.

Egypt exhibit visits High

Through September 19, the High Museum of Art is showcasing a collection of more than 200 pieces of Egyptian art from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Items in the exhibit range over 4,200 years from the third millennium B.C. to the fourth century A.D. Tickets cost \$8 for you students and \$10 for the rest of you unwashed heathens. Kids 6 to 17 are \$6. Kids under 6 are free.

Poker? Poke 'em back!

Every Tuesday, Fado Irish Pub and Restaurant hosts a Texas Hold 'em tournament at 7 p.m. So if you're in the mood for a little drink, a little poker and fancy the tin-whistle as a viable musical instrument, you might want to stop on by. Fado is across the street from ESPN Zone at 2974 Grandview Ave NE in Buckhead.

See lasers over Stone Mountain

Every day this Labor Day Weekend at 9:30 p.m., Stone Mountain Park off of U.S. Highway 78 East is hosting a laser light and music show. Pack a blanket and a picnic and head out to the show. The cost is \$7 per vehicle for admission and parking.

Dysfunction, laughs abound in *Battle*

By Jessica Luza
Staff Writer



Photo courtesy Ansley Park Playhouse

Trudy Habersham (Deborah Childs) and Azalea Wieuca (Anna House) catch a glimpse of Ansley (Mike Clements) with fiancée Tiffani Storrs (Toi Mekhi). *Peachtree Battle* is celebrating three years of sold-out performances at Atlanta's Ansley Park Playhouse.

Honestly, would it be surprising to anyone that "the longest running production in Atlanta theater history" is worth catching?

Held over through November 21st at the Ansley Park Playhouse on Peachtree Street, *Peachtree Battle* premiered in September 2001 with amazing reviews and has held sold-out performances ever since.

Playwrights John Gibson and Anthony Morris were selected by

"Peachtree Battle chronicles a day in the life of Trudy Habersham...and the strained relationship she has with her dysfunctional family."

Jezebel Magazine as "Atlanta's Top Movers & Shakers," and the show has been featured in the "Best of Atlanta" section in such publications as *Atlanta Magazine* and *Creative Loafing*.

Peachtree Battle chronicles a day in the life of Trudy Habersham, an upper-class Buckhead socialite, and focuses upon the strained relationship she has with her highly dysfunctional family.

Trudy's alcoholic mother, cheating husband, gay eldest son and weight-conscious daughter all meet at their Buckhead mansion for a

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Twelve Girls Band plays Variety on U.S. tour

By Hillary Lipko
Entertainment Editor

Centuries ago, during the Tang Dynasty, all-female ensembles called *Yue Fang* played in the royal courts of ancient China.

Xiaojing Wang, the man who is known as the father of Chinese rock, was inspired by the idea of *Yue Fang* and created an all-female ensemble of traditional Chinese musicians.

The result was Twelve Girls Band, a group of 12 conservatory-trained instrumentalists in their twenties who play a variety of ancient Chinese musical instruments.

Wang knew from the inception of his idea that the band would have to have 12 members. Twelve is a very important number in Chinese numerology and is considered to be lucky.

If the band's success so far is any indication, they have indeed been very lucky.

In Japan alone their debut album sold over two million copies and spent 30 weeks at the top of the charts. Twelve Girls Band released their first album in the US, *Eastern*



By Hillary Lipko/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Twelve Girls Band is an instrumental ensemble from the People's Republic of China. The members play traditional and ancient Chinese instruments and perform a wide variety of tunes ranging from the music that is traditionally played on their instruments to popular songs like Coldplay's "Clocks."

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Comedy open mic night opens fire on old jokes

By Min Pastorelli
Contributing Writer

Tech's aspiring comedians got in their share of laughs at Under the Couch last Friday with jokes about GPS-guided sex, squirrels on fire and the easily-targeted Richard Simmons.

They were the self-proclaimed nerds of the Institute, whose proud lack of women, among other scarcities, was aptly used as punch-line material.

Of the dozens of students in the audience (which was largely composed of the performers' buds), the number of women was a handful at most.

Pete Ludovice was apparently bothered by this lack of female presence, because he repeatedly reminded the men of the audience of this sad fact.

Ludovice is a man of an interesting combination of talents, showcasing his outspokenness with a clean delivery of blasé lines, occasionally blurting out his qualifications as a chemical engineering professor (he went to MIT and got a Ph.D. there).

One can only imagine what his lectures are like, but supposedly they are filled with women right out of high school.

From the self-deprecating lines

of Patrick McKeon and the country-hick remarks of Bob McKrosky (whose lines were accompanied by the whistling bomb sounds from the less-than-thrilled audience) to the frank freshman Patrick Jahn, who "sucked by default," the night was filled with various styles of amusing scatology, the generation gap notwithstanding.

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Apparently the Jackets can't appreciate a good ol' hackneyed cousin-marrying joke when they hear one. There goes the whistling bomb.

Perhaps what made the premature exit of Mr. McKrosky all the more painful were the popsicle wrapper jokes made by Kenneth Kinion, which came up lacking in terms of originality.

Granted, much of a joke's success

depends on its delivery and Kinion did that well, and therefore was quite popular with the crowd. But was the audience laughing with him or at him?

Then again, does it really matter? Not really. This took place in front of a crowd where half of them raised their hands to the question, "who here likes Bush?"

This was a stand-up comedy event where the self-righteous right-wing "comics" were just a little too fond of gay-bashing.

It was fueled by some dumb hometown rivalry that wasn't a rivalry at all. Peter Ayanuzi's list of what he hates about Tech included the city of Atlanta, only to be provided with NY-dissing audience feedback. Here comes the flick-off contest.

In the end the three top comedians were awarded \$20 for third place (Rick McKeon), \$30 for second place (Echezona Ukah) and \$50 for first place (Mark Peterson).

The winners will get another chance to showcase their stuff on September 17th at the *Nerd Comedy Jam*, which will feature female comedian Grandma Lee of *Last Comic Standing* fame. Ludovice would approve.

Under the Couch is located on West Campus under the Couch Building.



By Jon Kaye/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students competed for cash prizes and the opportunity to perform at the first annual Nerd Comedy Jam at UTC last Friday. The open mic night was hosted by Dr. Pete Ludovice.



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a celebration held in honor of the newest addition to their family, the youngest son's fiancée, an African-American Hooters waitress!

Apart from the expected initial shock of her favorite son's plans to marry this "outsider," Trudy vows to fix the problem before it begins with no regard given to her son's happiness.

The shallow and vapid Trudy worries more about the proper caterer and botox injections than the feelings of her children. She even refuses to admit that her eldest son is actually gay, even though he had a life partner of eight years who recently died.

Outspoken, snobby and self-indulgent, Trudy runs her household with an air of ease, that is, until she meets her match in her future daughter-in-law, Tiffani Storrs.

The unassuming bride-to-be is not afraid of Trudy and her vicious verbal attacks and serves Mrs. Habersham with an extra-spicy platter of hot-wing style and attitude.

The cast of eight accurately portrays the exaggerations of their respective characters but sometimes they are too over the top even for this satire.

Gibson and Morris co-wrote *Peachtree Battle* and filled it to the brim with clever (and often insensitive) one-liners and witty jabs at gays, African Americans, celebrities and famous Atlanta politicians and media figures.

Trudy jokingly asks what color WSB-TV news anchor Monica Kaufman's hair will be so that it will not clash with her dress at the dinner party.

Sonny Perdue, Zell Miller and Clark Howard are also the butt of numerous jokes.

Native Atlantans will notice the smart use of street names as character names (Holcomb, Wieuca and Habersham) and will get a kick out of the stereotypes made of cities outside of the posh perimeter.

The two hour play sailed smoothly and quickly, and the only weakness I could easily spot was some over-acting by a few prominent main characters.

This could also just be interpreted as an accurate exaggeration of the types of stereotypes they are mocking, but a few take their roles a little too far.

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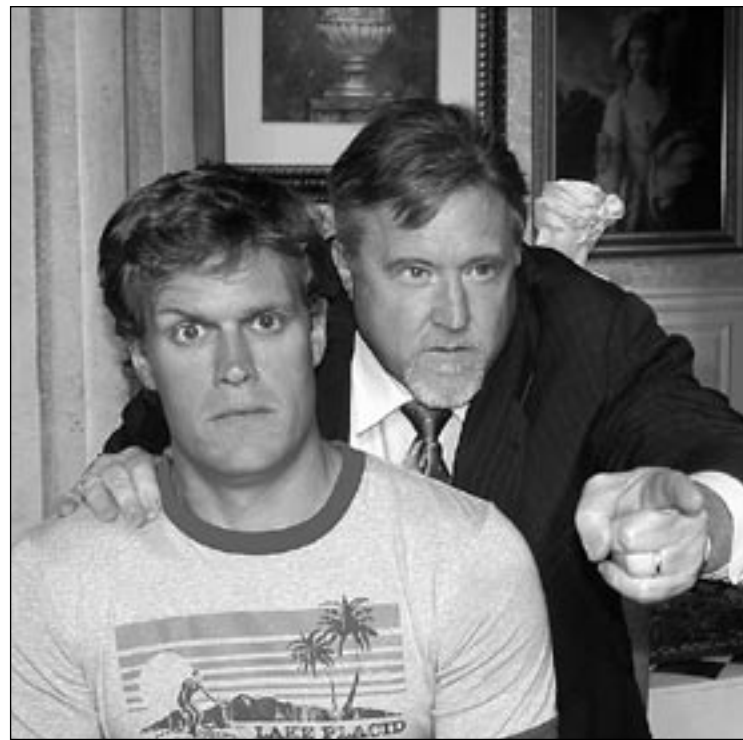


Photo courtesy Ansley Park Playhouse

Sherwood Habersham (Shields Upchurch) offers his son Ansley some fatherly advice on relationships.

On March 7, 2003 the play became the longest running theatrical production in Atlanta history, surpassing the previous record set by the 1988-1990 run of *Driving Miss Daisy*. Currently, 64,000 patrons have seen it.

After the successful three-year run comes to a close this fall, be on the lookout for *Peachtree Battle 2 – The In-Laws*, which is sure to chronicle the fascinating and dysfunctional Habersham family after the wedding. The "honeymoon phase" will have ended and more hilarity is certain to ensue.

Tickets are \$23.50 each, or \$21.50 for groups of twenty or more. No student discounts are offered. Performances are held weekly every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Visit www.ansleyparkplayhouse.com for more information and to purchase tickets in advance, or call the box office at (404) 875-1193 to reserve seats.



Anaconda slithers into theaters, delivers cliché creature feature

By Brian Clark
Daily Texan

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas - At first, it's tempting to dismiss "Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid" as completely implausible. After all, anacondas rarely grow longer than 40 feet, and the creatures make meals out of humans even less regularly. Surely, it's not possible that 100-foot, lightning-speed monstrosities with a taste for no-name actors inhabit the jungles of Borneo?

Yes it is. The film justifies its giant malicious snakes with an airtight plot involving a little-known flower called the blood orchid (scientific name: *Perrinia immortalis*). The flower blooms every seven years, and contains "the pharmaceutical equivalent to the fountain of youth."

As the group of scientists and business people who go to retrieve it discover, the anacondas have made this flower a part of their diet, essentially giving themselves eternal life. And, as Captain Bill Johnson explains in the film, snakes keep growing until they die.

The premise, on its own terms,

is quite brilliant. And the movie delivers once it gets going, with plentiful attacks from snakes, spiders, alligators and other jungle dangers. Before these adventures begin though, we're subjected to a number of inconsequential conversations about blood orchids and several fake scares.

For instance, remember that trick where films cue up the scary music, let the camera linger on a dark area of the room, then jolt audiences with a loud noise, only to reveal that it's just a cat? "Anacondas" does that about three times. Except, get this: Instead of a cat, it's a monkey.

Despite the genius way director Dwight H. Little subverts the cliché, this tactic begins to lose its charm. Fortunately, watching the no-name actors read teenage dialogue like "Are you high?" off cue cards makes for solid entertainment too.

Soon, the boat falls off a waterfall and the title character begins feeding. Then the actors find another boat, but it sinks too. Then Johnson knows of a nearby village, but ... and so on. The movie makes sure all the contrived plot twists lead up to a showdown

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between the remaining characters and the “snake orgy” mentioned in the trailer. And for whatever it’s worth, I did a little research and found that the “mating ball” that the anacondas form in the film is based at least loosely on fact.

The snake attacks look rather weak thanks to CGI that doesn’t seem to have progressed much since the first film. However, Little wisely shows as little as possible and uses sound effectively to keep the action engaging. Also, the reptiles here are about a million times faster than the ones we met last time, which ups the intensity considerably.

The movie works also thanks

“...Messner delivers every speech with bulging eyes and over the top conviction”

to Johnny Messner’s performance as Johnson. Basically a poor man’s Henry Rollins, Messner delivers every speech with bulging eyes and over the top conviction. It’s actually possible that he made it through the whole ordeal without blinking.

In the end, “Anacondas” doesn’t pull many punches, so viewers will know whether they’ll enjoy it before entering the theater. Most likely, many felt sure they were above it after reading the title. The film probably won’t change this expectation.

However, for open-minded audiences sick of mediocre Hollywood fare that’s never quite good, but never quite bad enough to really laugh at, the film is a hilarious, thrilling ride with a bit of educational information thrown in along the way. At the very least, it sets a new standard in movies about giant snakes.

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Travels of Two Bits Man: why rural speed traps really suck

Periodically my business as the Two Bits Man forces me to travel far and wide, searching the land for humorous anecdotes and, when necessary, causing myself great amounts of pain—be it physical, emotional, or financial—to bring you, my loyal readership, only the very finest in comedic writing.

What follows is an account of just one of my adventures.

A few weeks ago I got pulled over in a little speed-trap known to what infinitesimal fraction of the world that cares as Newellton, Louisiana.

The whole ordeal was a complete crock and the cop who wrote me the ticket was an utter

buffoon of the highest order.

Was I actually speeding, you ask? Shut up. Don’t ask so many damned questions.

Exhibit A: he wrote down my age as 38. Now, for those of you not in the know, I’m 21 years old and pretty much look it. Hell, I probably even look a little younger.

The point is that a legally blind man at a hundred yards could tell you that I’m not 38, not to mention the fact that my age could be easily discerned from my license, which the officer had right there in his hands.



I can’t even imagine what could have been going through this guy’s tallow-clogged mind when he decided that I was 38 years old, especially given that he had already written down my birth date correctly to within two years (oh for God’s sake).

But judging from the gravitational forces emanating from his belly, I’d be willing to wager that it involved eating something deep-fat-fried that really had no business being that way, perhaps a whole, live pig. Something on that order of ridiculous magnitude.*

Anyway, I called them the other day to find out how much I was supposed to pay for my fine because apparently, officers of the law can’t be expected to do basic math on the spot like that.

Though get this: there wasn’t anyone there.

At the police department there was nobody home. That’s somewhere in the same range of terrifyingly horrible as an air traffic controller taking a weed nap.

This is how horror movies start, people. Some jackass at the local police station decides he desperately needs more pork rinds and that it can’t wait until someone else can man the phones, dammit.

Then before you know it, some soulless, government-created monstrosity has eaten the whole damned town and half of the team of corrupt scientists sent to monitor its activities.

And all of it could have been prevented if only Officer Pork-For-Brains didn’t just have to have him some charred pig skin.

I guess you’ve got to be strict with yourself about these things, or else you’ll never attain enough mass to develop your own system of rings and moons.

The moral of the story? If you should ever find yourself driving along a seemingly deserted little road on your way through rural Louisiana and you see a sign that tells you to slow down to forty-five miles per hour, you slow the crap on down to forty-five miles an hour.

This is, of course, unless my little cautionary tale about the good officer turns out to be more prophetic than I would have liked. If the whole town is overrun by undead, flesh-eating zombies, then more than likely you’ll wanna keep on going. And probably roll up your windows, too.

*At this point, I’d like to point out that, usually, I don’t hold with fat jokes, being that I’ve been referred to, on more than one past occasion, as ‘lunch box’.

But the way I see it, if your job is to stand against and (God help this poor bastard) periodically chase down the forces of chaos and evil, and you waddle while you’re doing it, your fat-ass is fair game.

Indie-rocker Butch Walker releases sophomore album, *Letters*

By Halley Espy
Contributing Writer

Laced with intricate piano passages and tinged with raw emotion, Butch Walker breaks the boundaries of his indie-rocker, guitar-laden stereotype with the release of his second solo album, *Letters*. The Epic Records release hit stores Tuesday, Aug. 24.

The week held much excitement for Walker and the city of Atlanta with a CD release party last Tuesday and a sold-out show at Variety Playhouse August 27th.

In conjunction with 99X, Tower Records in Buckhead hosted a live performance and CD signing at 7 p.m. last Tuesday.

The line to meet Butch Walker at the release party wrapped around the entire building, and fans turned out in droves Friday night to catch the inimitable live performance with American Hi-Fi.

Like his first solo album, *Left of Self Centered*, Walker wrote, performed, produced and sang all of his own material.

Letters moves away from the remnants and rants of hometown

“The album seems more personal—as if he’s [Walker] speaking to me.”

Jennifer Grabowski
Biology third-year

drama and of the rocker lifestyle to reveal a more introspective view of personal relationships and his personal struggle with the Los Angeles music scene.

Walker’s sophomore album emulates a mature sound with

simple melodic patterns and heartfelt lyrics.

Jennifer Grabowski, a third-year Biology major, commented how much Walker’s music transcends distant rocker tirades to relate to individual struggles, “The album seems more personal—as if he’s speaking to me.”

The first single, “Mixtape,” typifies the mellow acoustic vibe carried throughout the entire album.

“Promise” highlights a classic Butch Walker jazzed, punk-rock feel, and “Best Thing You Never Had” rides a roller coaster of emotion through the rock ballad.

Each song on the album pulls together a theme of honesty and personal experience conveyed with a fairly down-to-earth acoustic feel fused with Butch’s distinct indie-punk rock sound.

For more info visit www.butch-walker.com



Photo courtesy Epic Records

Butch Walker just celebrated the release of his latest album, *Letters*, with a release party last Tuesday. He then played to a sold-out crowd at Variety Playhouse that Friday.

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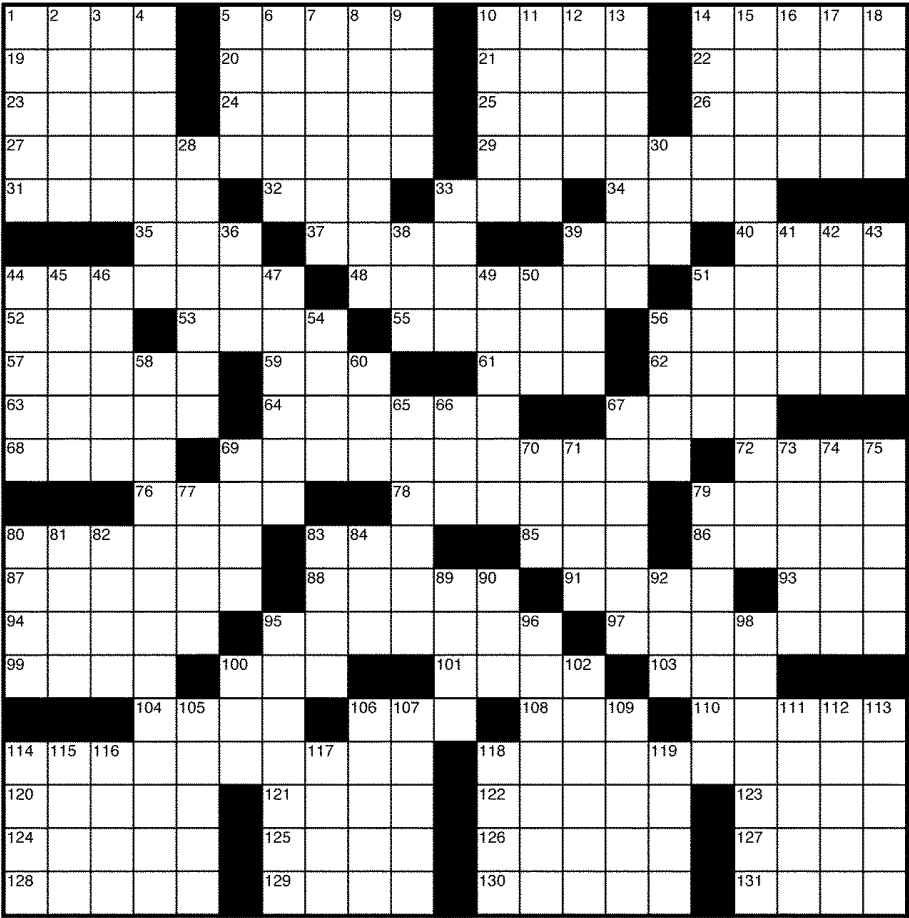
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47. Brief snowfall
49. Sorrento neighbor
50. Racket
51. "Peace and War" author
54. Herr's partner
56. Otherwise
58. Fraud
60. Add frosting
65. Foreman
66. 1970s political issue
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69. Subscribe to
70. Jungfrau, for one
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75. Man-made fiber
77. Healthy
79. Rio playground
80. Injury's aftermath



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their first album in the U.S., *Eastern Energy*, on August 14th and have since been touring the States in support of it.

The tour brought them to Variety Playhouse in LSP on Sunday where they played to a full house. It almost seems unexpected that such a niche band would have such a draw, but once they started to play, it was apparent as to why their music has such appeal.

The 90-minute set that they played encompassed a wide variety of styles. Played entirely on classical Chinese instruments with pre-recorded accompaniment, the songs ranged from traditional and popular Chinese songs to popular western music. Notable covers that they performed were Coldplay's "Clocks" and "Only Time" by Enya.

The instruments that were played by the band members produced beautiful and exotic tones that brought new and unusual life to songs that are otherwise somewhat cliché in the realms of world and classical music.

It might be expected that a group so large as 12 would have quite a stage presence, but nothing could have prepared me for the way that this ensemble lit the stage on fire with their energy.

Throughout the performance, each of the girls took time between songs to introduce her instrument.

"...It seems that this band has wide appeal and is quickly gaining fans and admirers all over the country."

Some of those instruments included a pear-shaped lute with four strings called a *pipa*, a two-string fiddle known as an *erhu* and a *dizi*, or bamboo flute, among others.

Each of the girls introduced herself in careful English and then proceeded to explain her instrument in Chinese. The explanations were

then translated into English. No translation was needed, however, for the extraordinary performance.

The show closed with a pair of very upbeat tunes that inspired a standing ovation and a call for an encore. The encore was the liveliest of all of the songs played that night. The audience clapped along and then gave another standing ovation at the end.

There is simply nothing like this ensemble in any genre. Twelve Girls Band is not just another fusion novelty or world music craze. They are something different altogether.

Judging by the diversity of Sunday's crowd, it seems that this band has wide appeal and is quickly gaining fans and admirers all over the country.

I found myself completely awestruck by every aspect of the Twelve Girls Band's performance. From their appearance on stage in coordinating black-and-white outfits to the sheer mastery each girl had of her instrument to simply how moving each song was, it became apparent why they have been so successful.



By Hillary Lipko / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Twelve Girls Band made a stop at Variety Playhouse on Sunday. They have been touring the U.S. in support of their new album.

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“Backfield in Motion” wins Flag Football Classic



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Flag Football Classic was held this past Friday and Saturday. “Backfield in Motion” was crowned champion after defeating FIJI 26-21 in the finals. They move on to the state tournament.

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BEYOND THE WHITE AND GOLD

College football has tradition unlike any other

By Clark Nelson
Staff Writer

College football kicked off last weekend with the USC Trojans defeating the Virginia Tech Hokies 24-13 in the BCA Classic.

Southern Cal has a storied tradition, which was revived by a return to national prominence over the last two years, and including their eighth national title last season.

Traditions abound, not only at USC, but also on college campuses nationwide. The NFL may have its star players, glamor and money, but college football has traditions they can never buy.

The beginning of September is one of my favorite times of the year. The buzz in the air, no pun intended, is like few other times of the year. Bands are practicing on campuses around the country, whistles are blown and drills run.

From the rivalries of Oklahoma-Texas, Florida-Florida St. and Army-Navy to the colorful mascots such as Bevo, the Texas Longhorn, Ralphie, the Colorado Buffalo and the Stanford Tree, college football reeks of a tradition all its own.

Teams like Michigan, Ohio St., Texas, Oklahoma and Florida St. are traditionally at the top of college football year in and year out. While Tech may not be as dominant as it was under legendary coach Bobby Dodd, the Jackets have been to

seven straight bowl games. Only eight other schools can currently say this.

Every school has its own individual traditions, and Tech is no different. The Yellow Jackets have won four national titles, currently hold the highest winning percentage in bowl games, and play in the oldest stadium in Division I-A.

Tech starts its 112th season

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of football this Saturday against Samford. The team will be led onto the field by our unique mascot, the Ramblin’ Wreck, a mint-condition 1930 Ford Model-T.

Sometimes, schools are identified by former or current coaches. When you think of Notre Dame, Knute Rockne and his “Win one for the Gipper” speech almost immediately comes to mind. If you are from Alabama, you have most certainly heard of Paul Bryant, better known as “The Bear.”

Currently, two legends are nearing retirement in Joe Paterno of Penn St. and Bobby Bowden of Florida St. They hold two of the top five places for all-time wins. Paterno is so identified with Penn State that when he retires the school should put his likeness on its unadorned helmets.

People also make up an important part of the Yellow Jackets’ tradition. Two former coaches have two of the most prestigious awards in college football named for them. The Bobby Dodd Award and The Heisman Trophy are named for the top coach and player of the year respectively.

Bobby Dodd and John Heisman both roamed the sidelines at Tech, accumulating 267 wins between them. Additionally, the award for the top assistant coach in the country is named for Frank Broyles, a player under Dodd.

Traditions manifest themselves in many other ways. The Michigan Wolverines have a unique helmet logo, which came about so the quarterback could see his receivers down the field better. Clemson players rub Howard’s Rock, a rock given to former coach Frank Howard, and, as a team, run down the hill entering the stadium. The last NFL game I went to had players introduced individually, and choreographed dances were numerous.

The music in college football mostly consists of fight songs played

for team triumph and inspiration. Some schools melodies are very recognizable; Notre Dame’s “Wake up the Echoes”, Michigan’s “Hail to the Victors” and “Ramblin’ Wreck from Tech” are a few. How many of you know your favorite NFL team’s fight song, if they have one at all?

Another difference in the college game is that the name on the front of the jersey matters most, not the

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name on the back. Players come and go, but certain things do not change.

Within the last half century the Oakland Raiders became the Los Angeles Raiders and back to the Oakland Raiders. Tech has been playing in its current stadium, named for Bobby Dodd, since 1913.

One the most important aspects of college football tradition is the fan. In 2003 over 46 million fans attended college football games. Stadiums at Michigan, Tennessee, Penn St.,

and Ohio St. regularly pack in over 100,000 fans to watch a game.

The fans of South Carolina are regarded as some of the most loyal in the country, selling out almost every home game despite mostly unsuccessful teams. The Gamecocks have won only 3 bowls in over 110 years of football and have an all-time losing record.

College stadiums are named for former coaches, athletic directors, and presidents of the school; not the company who put up the most money. Nicknames are commonly used for college stadiums like “The Swamp” at Florida or “The Big House” at Michigan. Lambeau Field in Green Bay is one of the last holdouts from corporations.

Before entering the stadiums, pre-game activities are almost as enjoyable for fans as the game itself. The party does not have to begin on game day. Fans begin showing up mid-week to prepare for the following weekend. They arrive by all sorts of transportation methods—RV, truck, car, and in boats, in the case for some followers of Tennessee and the University of Washington.

Another unmatched tradition of college football is the rivalries existing throughout the nation, many with highly justifiable nicknames. The colorfully named “Backyard Brawl” pits West Virginia against

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and as a freestyle swimmer. Salinas ranks highly in the all-time record books for Tech's men's swimming times. Salinas recorded a 29th place finish in the 400-meter freestyle and helped Mexico secure 15th in the Olympics in the 4x200-meter freestyle relay.

Tech's volunteer assistant coach, Jorge Oliver, competed for Puerto Rico in the games. Oliver competed for Tech from 2000-2003, graduating in 2004. He currently ranks on the all-time Top 10 lists in six different categories, including the 200-meter individual medley.

In the Olympics, he finished in 45th place in the 200-meter individual medley.

"It was a great thing to be around the best athletes in the world. I had a lot of fun," Oliver said.

The final member of the Tech swimming delegation is incoming freshman, Onur Uras. Uras, the

four-time Turkish champion managed to come in 49th place in the 100-meter butterfly. Uras added to his resume this year by winning the 200-meter butterfly at the Grand Prix of Belgium.

Chaunte Howard has gone from being the ACC champion to an NCAA champion to a 2004 Olympian. Howard first dreamt of becoming an Olympian at four years old and believed the best way to realize that dream was attending Tech and working under jumps coach Nat Page.

Howard is the only current track athlete that made it to the Olympics. She finished in a tie for 28th place in the high jump competition.

After sending several athletes to the Athens games, the Jackets made a name for themselves in international competition.

As the tradition continues to grow, so too will the Yellow Jackets' success in the Olympic games, both in numbers of athletes and medals, in the years to come.

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Pittsburgh, and the "Iron Bowl" plays to bitter rivalries Auburn and Alabama.

The Ducks of Oregon and Beavers of Oregon State clash in the "Civil War". A name we may be more familiar with is the very appropriate "Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate", which is our annual match with Georgia.

The NFL does have the Vince Lombardi Trophy, but some trophies in college mean just as much to the teams involved. The Paul Bunyan Axe is given to the winner of the Minnesota-Wisconsin game.

Last year, with the score tied at 34, Minnesota's Glen Mason sent his kicker into the game to kick the winning field goal, reminding him not to forget the axe. The kick sailed through the uprights as time expired sending the team into a sprint to

claim the axe. The Gophers' exuberance was for a regular season game, not for a championship.

One of the most captivating traditions in college football belongs to Texas A&M. The Aggie students consider themselves the 12th man at games because of their vocal support.

This tradition carries over to the field, where a walk-on player wearing the number 12 is on the kickoff coverage team, representing the student body of Texas A&M. The NFL has players who hold out or demand trades because they are on the kickoff team, instead of holding a starring role.

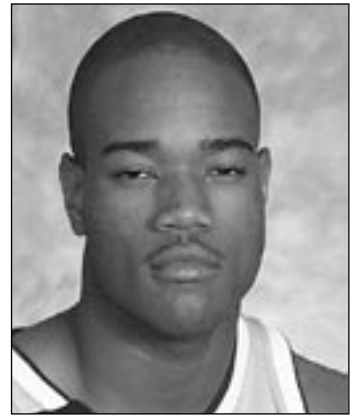
To add to the list of traditions on the Flats, Tech students should strive this season to become the Yellow Jackets' "12th man" by showing our presence at games, voicing our support, and upholding the traditions that make Saturdays in the fall so great.

ALL-ACC faces in the crowd

JARRETT JACK Junior Basketball

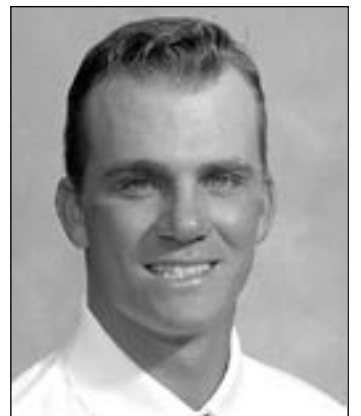
Jack was named a third team All-ACC member last season. A pre-season Wooden Award candidate, Jack, a 6-3 junior from Fort Washington, Md., was the only player to start every game for Tech the last two seasons. The Jackets' starting point guard led Tech in scoring during their NCAA Tournament run, including a career high 29-point performance against Kansas in the regional final in St. Louis.

He finished the season fourth in the ACC in assist average (5.61 per game) and fifth in steals (1.95 per game). He begins his senior year 10th in career assists and 12th in career steals at Tech.



NICHOLAS THOMPSON Senior Golf

A two-time, All-Atlantic Coast Conference player who enters his senior year with the fifth-best career stroke average in Tech history (72.20), Thompson has 10 career top-ten finishes and 18 top-twenties. He finished the summer tied for 10th among the nation's amateur players in the *Golfweek/Titleist Amateur* rankings and was ranked No. 18 in the nation among collegiate players at the end of last spring according to the *Golfweek/Sagarin* Performance Index. Thompson has made the ACC Academic Honor Roll all three years at Tech, has been named third-team All-American and an All-America Scholar by the Golf Coaches Association of America.



LYNNETTE MOSTER Senior Volleyball

Moster earned first team All-ACC honors in 2002 and 2003, as well as second team All-ACC honors as a defensive specialist in 2001. The two-time All-American outside hitter returns for her senior season after three phenomenal years.

Moster begins her final season ranked in the top 10 on the career kill list, career hitting percentage and career service ace list and is 12th on the career dig list. She was named to the All-ACC Freshman team in 2001, to the third team AVCA All-America following the 2003 season, and earned second team AVCA All-America honors in 2002, becoming the first player in Tech volleyball and ACC history to earn that distinction.



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Golf team takes its successes in stride

By Geoff Davis
Contributing Writer

In the spring the Tech golf team finished up a good year with a third place finish at the ACC Tournament, followed by a fifth place finish in the NCAA tournament.

Despite this strong conclusion, the team is poised for an even better '04-'05 season. This is reflected in their No. 2 ranking in the pre-season poll recently released by *World Golf* magazine.

Traditionally, the ACC is one of, if not, the strongest, conference in the nation for golf. As many as six teams from the conference were in the top 20 last season. The winner of this conference is almost always a major contender for the national championship.

This is the kind of competition that Tech faces every year, but year after year they are still able to compete at the highest level. The current team has this same potential to be great.

Despite the success of last season, the team is not satisfied and believes it can do better.

Junior Mike Barbosa said, "It wasn't like we played great. No one on the team played really well, but we still managed to finish fifth in the NCAA."

If everyone improved a little over the summer, the team could easily challenge for the national championship, and they expect to do so.

"Everyone on our team would be lying if they said they wouldn't be disappointed if we didn't win," Barbosa said.

He also said, "It's not that any-

thing less than the championship is disappointing. You can still have a great year and not win the NCAA, but our expectation is that we will win."

This Tech team definitely has the talent and the drive to go far. Their experience doesn't hurt either.

Tech returns all six of its players from last season. With more experience, they could be much improved. All have gained some of that experience over the summer.

The entire team was busy during the break. Unlike other sports, golf is year-round. The regimen rarely, if ever, changes. Playing is the best way to get better. Consistency is the key.

During vacation, three Tech golfers managed to make it to local qualifying for the U.S. Open. They also played well in many other tournaments. In fact, Barbosa won the Cardinal Amateur in Greensboro, North Carolina.

As if that were not impressive enough, the six-member team also played well in the U.S. Amateur Tournament. Although only three reached match play, they shot a combined 26 under par in qualifying.

The best finisher at the U.S. Amateur was senior and All-American candidate Thompson. He reached the third round, going farther than any Tech golfer since Matt Kuchar won the tournament in 1997.

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Mike Barbosa
Golfer

Unfortunately, Thompson had to go through freshman teammate Roberto Castro in the first round to get there. Castro is a future star, winning ACC rookie of the year honors last season.

Trying to look on the bright side, Thompson said, "It was a bum deal, but a Georgia Tech player was going to get to the second round no matter what."

This camaraderie among the golfers is a big part of the Tech team concept. They all live together in the same dorm, hanging out and helping each other almost all the time. And of course, they love to play together.

This feeling probably comes most especially from the leaders of the team. Upperclassmen Thompson, Barbosa, and Chan Song have all been friends for about 10 years. They have been playing tournaments together in their home state of Florida since they were boys. This friendship seems to have rubbed off on the rest of the team.

The brotherhood that exists between the players on the team does not mean that they are not competitive. They all push each other to get better. Since only five members of the team can play each tournament, they are always jockeying for position.

This competition will become

even more important in the coming season. Along with all six players from last season returning, three new freshman golfers are coming in. All will be pushing to play.

This competition between players can do nothing but make the whole team better. Sometimes that little extra push from someone behind you can be the difference. Everyone on the team wants to be involved and do well.

And why not? The Tech golf tradition is well-documented. Coach Bruce Heppler has built something special here in Atlanta and no one wants to break that up. That string of championships and All-American golfers is not likely to stop any time soon.

Mike Barbosa told the *Technique* that the tradition at Tech "is why you want to come here." The fantastic mix of great golf and great academics is very attractive to many top players.

Coach Heppler is a big part of that. He is always willing to help with any problems that the players might have, whether it be with their swings or with the mental side of the game.

Now entering his 10th season as the head coach, he has instant credibility.

Barbosa said, "Everything he does has validity because you know he's been there before." And probably, he will be there again.

The real question with this team is not how good they are but how good they can be. Barbosa put it best when he said, referring to the team, "We can be as good as we want to be."

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"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that we need to make our serves," Shymanskys said, "Some people might write it off to altitude, but I would write it off to poise, confidence and skill, and we need to be better at that."

Gergen again posted a leading performance, hitting .459 with a career high 20 kills and a career high 10 block assists, and Tech, as a team, showed improvement with a .229 hitting percentage for the match.

Laband dished out 53 assists, while Marisa Aston and Moster held down the defensive end with 17 and 14 digs.

Tech also out-blocked the Rams 14-9.

It is still early in the season and the Jackets have plenty of time to build off of last year's run, but the short road does not get any easier.

This weekend the ladies travel to Madison, Wisconsin, to play in the Wisconsin Invitational. Friday's match will be against Purdue, and the trip will close out against Wisconsin.

The Yellow Jackets then return to the comforts of home the following weekend of September 10 to take on Xavier, Tennessee Tech, and Ohio State.

NACWAA Classic
First Round
USC def. Tech 30-20, 30-24, 30-18
Minnesota def. Colorado State 23-30, 30-24, 30-22, 30-27

Third Place Game
Colorado State def. Tech 30-26, 28-30, 30-26, 30-28

Championship Game
USC def. Minnesota 25-30, 32-30, 26-30, 30-28, 15-12

New WREK schedule to include night games



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Lindsey Laband sits down to talk with WREK's Kurt Hoyt after the volleyball team's game against CSU last week in the NACWAA Classic. This year WREK will broadcast even more Tech games than last.

By Edward Tamsberg
Sports Editor

This year WREK radio will be carrying a wider selection of Tech's best sports. Beginning this coming week, football and men's basketball games from the upcoming seasons can be heard on WREK.

Typically, commercial broadcasters carry major games, which, in turn, generate money for Tech. 790 "The Zone" usually carries many of the major games that Tech plays.

However, due to FCC regulations, 790 AM powers down in the evenings. This means that many of the night games that Tech plays are left without a station to broadcast outside the perimeter. WREK, Tech's student radio station, is a 40,000-watt FM station.

"WREK is one of the most powerful college radio stations," said Aakash Jariwala, WREK general manager. "We reach well outside of the perimeter, through Gwinnett, basically the entire metro area."

The nature of the football schedule also brings another level of difficulty to the matter. Typically the time of a football game is not announced until a few weeks before the game is to be played.

This is because many major sports programs hold out for television broadcasters to cover a game. If a

network picks up a game, then it sets the schedule. This is why some games are on Thursdays as opposed to Saturdays and evenings as opposed to at noon.

This means that Tech plays anywhere from three to five games a season at night. With no broadcaster, Tech alumni and fans would be left without the voice of Wes Durham to bring them the kind of coverage they have come to expect.

To solve this dilemma, the GTAA has turned to WREK radio to broadcast these games for Tech fans and alumni.

"This deal benefits WREK, the

"This deal benefits WREK, the students of Georgia Tech and the community as a whole...[This deal] puts [WREK] in better shape."

Aakash Jariwala
WREK General Manager

that schedule will include three to five football games and 20 men's basketball games.

This summer WREK moved into new facilities in the Student Center Commons. The GTAA is also providing them with equipment to better broadcast the games that have been added to their schedule.

"The new equipment will last longer and make us sound better," Jariwala said. "The old equipment is about 10 to 15 years old and will not last us much longer."

The new equipment comes at a

good time for WREK. The student-run station, like many other student organizations, was facing a shortage of funds this year.

"Due to the move and budget cuts, WREK is in financial need. I was seriously considering cutting the sports department from WREK, but with this new equipment—it puts us in a better shape. We currently are looking for ways to raise money and for donor support. We appreciate the support we have received from outside donors for volleyball games and look forward to serving the community in the future," Jariwala said. WREK can be found at 91.1 FM. Information about their times and schedules can be found at their website, cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wrek.



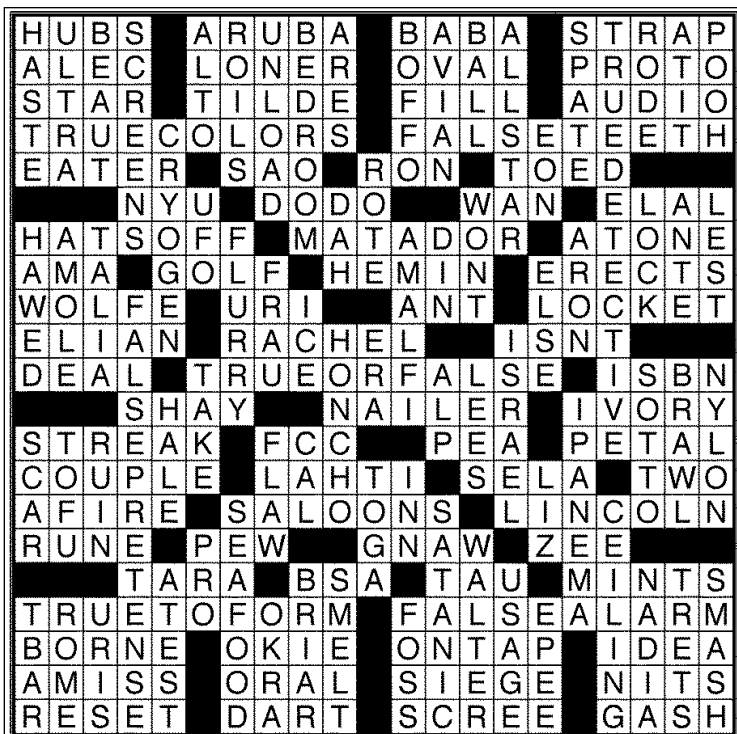
verse music, as well as continuing to support women's sports at Tech and baseball," he said.

In the past WREK radio has broadcasted many of the Tech volleyball games, baseball games and all of the women's basketball games for fans to enjoy. This year

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Samford comes to Bobby Dodd Stadium having already opened its season with a 34-20 home victory over West Alabama. The Bulldogs have a potent passing attack, led by senior quarterback Ray Nelson who tossed five touchdowns in the opener. The Bulldog defense is anchored by standout safety Cortland Finnegan, who intercepted two passes in the opener. Last season, Samford posted an impressive 7-4 record last year and placed third in the I-AA Ohio Valley Conference.

"I thought we had a good practice. I'm glad everyone showed up, because I know it is getting closer to Saturday and that shows that we are not scared to go over there."

Bill Gray

Samford head coach after Wednesday's practice



SAMFORD (1-0) VS. GEORGIA TECH (0-0)

By Kyle Thomason



Four Key Questions

- Will Samford's All-American wide receiver, Efre Hill, be able to match his success from last week against the Jackets defense?

Hill, a consensus All-American this past season for the division I-AA Bulldogs, caught nine passes for 209 yards and three touchdowns, a monster performance, against West Alabama as Samford opened its season with a 34-20 victory. Last season, Hill caught 92 passes for 1,387 yards on the season; last week's performance was certainly not a fluke. Although he is a terrific player, the Tech secondary boasts quite a bit more talent and athleticism than the defensive backfield Hill matched up against last weekend.

- How will Tech's offensive line look in its first game action without departed standouts Hugh Reilly and Nat Dorsey?

P.J. Daniels will have a few new blockers in front of him to begin this season, but returning members of the line have combined for 70 starts, led by Kyle Wallace's 25. This line has not had much time to work together as injuries have kept the unit from being intact for most of the preseason. The unit will have to mesh in a hurry with a trip to Clemson looming next week; the Samford game will be a great opportunity to check the progress of this bunch.

- Is the new linebacking corps ready to make a good impression and further solidify a strong defense?

The biggest question mark on the defensive side of the ball is a trio of new linebackers who will be making their first starts at their respective positions. Middle linebacker Gerris Wilkinson is dropping back from defensive end, and Chris Reis is moving up from a backup role in the secondary to the strongside spot. KaMichael Hall looks to be the starter on the weakside, the position with the least experience on the defense. The play of these three will be very telling of how Tech's defense will perform this season.

- Will the Jackets' starters still be on the field by the end of the third quarter?

Samford, a I-AA school, appears to be a bit overmatched, but they will be much more game ready, having already played their first game. As the game wears on, they simply do not have the personnel to match up with Tech. They are constrained with far fewer scholarships than the Jackets, so depth could become an issue as well. If Tech remains focused and does not look ahead to next week's matchup with Clemson, the first team should be on the sidelines well before the end of the game.

Tech comes off a 7-6 season, which was capped off by a big win in the Humanitarian Bowl. On the offensive side of the ball, the backfield remains together with sophomore quarterback Reggie Ball, senior fullback Jimmy Dixon, and senior tailback P.J. Daniels, who led the ACC in rushing last year with a 1,447-yard performance. The defense returns a pair of All-ACC selections in defensive end Eric Henderson and safety James Butler. Due to graduation, there will be an entirely new linebacking corps on display Saturday.

"They are a bend-but-don't-break defense. They make you earn it all the way down the field and they do a good job of stopping the run."

Chan Gailey

Tech head coach on the Samford team



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Ansley Park Playhouse showcases the longest-running production in Atlanta theater history. Page 21



by the numbers

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Where you can find Tech's radio station, WREK, on the dial. This year, they will be broadcasting some of Tech's football games along with many of the men's basketball games in addition to their usual coverage of volleyball, women's basketball and baseball. See page 37.

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Number of consecutive wins by "Backfield in Motion" en route to the Flag Football Classic Championship. They defeated FIJI 26-21 in the final to move on to the state tournament. See page 32.

1945

The last time that Tech played Samford in football. They have played five times, with Tech winning each matchup. The Jackets have outscored the Bulldogs by a cumulative score of 170-0 in the victories. Current Tech head coach Chan Gailey was Samford's head coach in 1993. See page 39.

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A career high in block assists recorded by Jayme Gergen in the NACWAA Classic against Colorado State. She also added a career high 20 kills in the same match. For her performance in the tournament, Gergen was named to the All-Tournament team.

55,000

Number of seats in Bobby Dodd Stadium. They will all be filled on October 2 when Miami comes to town, but tickets still remain for all other home games. Tickets still remain for the opener against Samford, and they can be purchased for \$25.

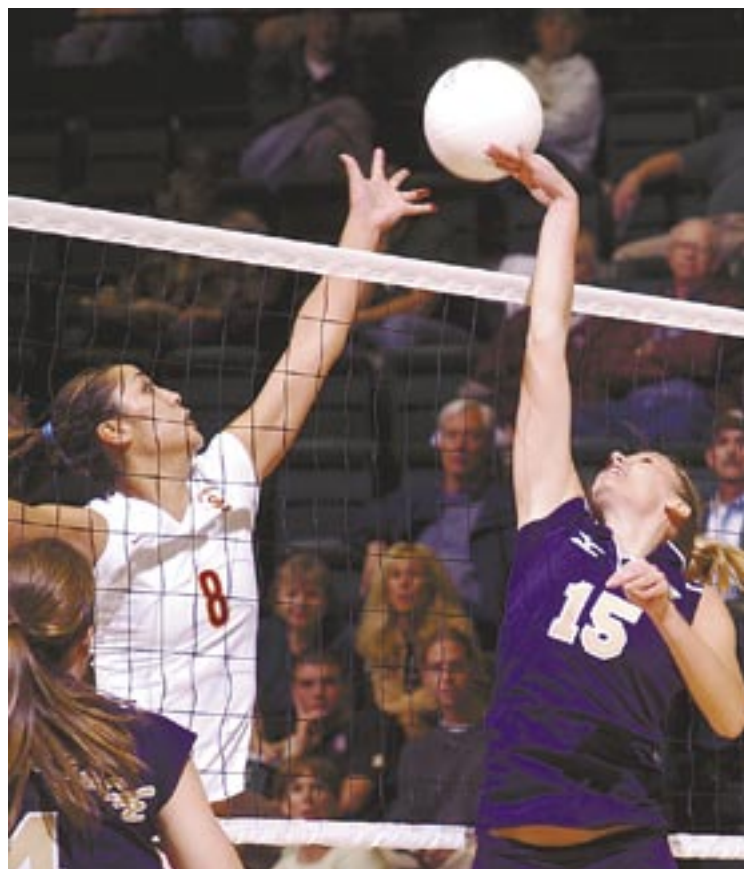
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The date of the Friday in September when Tech's No. 2 golf team will start their season at the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Rocky Face, Georgia. Last year, Nicholas Thompson finished fifth in the individual competition, and Tech's team finished fifth overall as a team.

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The number of teams registered to play flag football in the Intramural B-League this semester. This comprises the majority of the 161 teams playing IM flag football.

Volleyball falls in Colorado



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This weekend the volleyball team lost to both No. 1 ranked USC and No. 11 Colorado State in the NACWAA Classic this past weekend.

By John Scaduto
Contributing Writer

This past weekend, No. 12 Tech fell to reigning national champions, top-ranked University of Southern California in the Jackets opening match of the prestigious NACWAA

Classic in Fort Collins, Colorado.

This marks the first time an ACC program has been invited to the Classic, signifying Tech's emergence as a premier volleyball program. However, this is little consolation, as the Jackets also lost to No. 11 Colorado State, beginning

the season 0-2.

While a win against USC would have been one of the most impressive in Tech's history, the bulk of a team that finished eighth last season was expected to take a game or two from the vaunted Trojans. However, this was not the case as the Jackets went down 30-20, 30-24, 30-18.

Lindsey Laband started at setter for the first time in two years, and recorded a career-high 36 assists. Returning starters Lynnette Moster and Lauren Sauer posted 16 and 10 kills, respectively, and Jayme Gergen paced the squad with 12 kills, two blocks, and a .385 hitting percentage.

In the first round of the tournament, Tech only hit .154 as a team, while USC managed a .336 hitting percentage. It was the first time in 78 matches that Head Coach Bond Shymansky has been swept in three straight games.

"USC is a great team, and we are working on becoming a great team, and after [this match] I think we have a better idea of what the type of work is that we need to do," Shymansky said.

The following match against No. 11 Colorado State proved to be another tough one for the Jackets, as they fell 30-26, 28-30, 30-26, 30-28.

While the team play improved greatly from the previous match, 16 service errors provided the anchor that would keep Tech out of the match.

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Athletes compete in Athens

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

This year, the Athens Olympics played host to some great athletes of present-day Tech as well as several from yesteryear. Stephon Marbury, Angelo Taylor and Chaunte Howard all competed for the United States delegation. Vesna Stojanovska, a sophomore swimmer, competed for Macedonia, while Jorge Oliver, an assistant coach, competed for Puerto Rico. Onur Uras, an incoming freshman, competed for Turkey, and Leo Salinas took his past experiences from Tech to the Mexican swim team.

The Yellow Jackets swim team sent four delegates to the Athens Olympics, and each of the four athletes all represented four separate countries. As the stature of the swimming program has grown, so has the draw power of Tech for athletes that are looking to improve their performance to compete on the international stage.

Sophomore Vesna Stojanovska represented Macedonia in three swimming events. Stojanovska became the first Tech women's swimming and diving athlete to garner All-America honors this past season, finishing 10th in the 200-meter butterfly at the NCAA Championships. Stojanovska competed in three events during the Athens Olympics.

In the preliminaries of the 400-



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech's swimming team sent four athletes, current and alumni, to the Athens games this year. Two of the group, Vesna Stojanovska and Onur Uras, will be competing for the Jackets this season.

meter freestyles, she had the 27th best time, and was able to make it into the semifinal round. At competitions end, she found herself sitting in 19th place. Stojanovska's second event was the 200-meter freestyle in 34th place, but she failed to qualify for the final round. She concluded her Olympics in the 200-meter butterfly with a 26th place finish.

"I wasn't as excited as I was in

Sydney because I was younger then, but it was still really exciting to see all the famous swimmers we always hear about and to actually compete against them," Stojanovska said.

Alumnus Leo Salinas was another representative of the line of Tech swimmers. He represented Mexico as a member of one of the relay teams

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sports shorts

Tech-Miami game tickets sold out

Tickets for Georgia Tech's Oct. 2 home game against fifth-ranked Miami are completely sold out. The last time Tech faced Miami at home was in 1978. Tickets for tomorrow's game can be purchased online or by calling the Tech ticket office at 1.888.TECH.TIX.

Golf team ranked second in nation

Tech's golf team, which finished fifth in last year's NCAA Championships and returns every player from last year's team, is ranked in a tie for No. 2 with Florida in the pre-season poll released Tuesday by *Golf World* magazine. Tech opens its fall schedule Sept. 17-19 at the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Rocky Face, Georgia.

Gergen wins Wendy's award

Jayme Gergen, a senior from Topeka, Kansas, won the Wendy's Student-Athlete of the Week award for her performance in Tech's volleyball games against USC and Colorado State to open the season. She recorded a career high 20 kills and a career high 10 block assists while hitting .459 against No. 11 Colorado State. Gergen was named to the NACWAA Classic all-tournament team. She currently leads the team with a .429 hitting percentage and 4.57 kills per game.

football forecast

Each week, during the football season, the *Technique* will pick a list of college matchups to be played that weekend. The person who submits the list with the most correctly projected winners receives a prize. In the event of a tie, the winner is determined by the person who most accurately predicts the score of Tech's game. To submit your picks, go to www.nique.net/footballforecast. This week's games are:

Tech vs. Samford
Virginia vs. Temple
William and Mary vs. North Carolina
Wake Forest vs. Clemson
Duke vs. Navy
Richmond vs. NC State
Northern Illinois vs. Maryland
Toledo vs. Minnesota
Oregon State vs. LSU
Oklahoma State vs. UCLA